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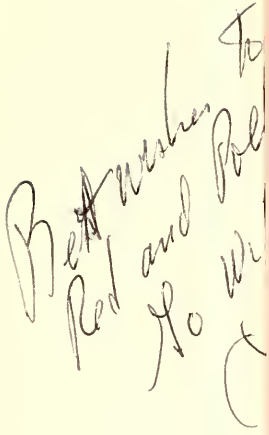

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White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Raleigh, North Carolina

A Fifty-Year History

by Charles R. Latimer

About the Cover

The red cover represents the color of the birthday of the church - Pentecost - and also the birthday of White Memorial, which was "born" on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 1946. The 50th anniversary emblem, created by Carolyn Strickland, is highlighted in gold, emblematic of the golden anniversary of White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Dedication

White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, N.C., a history of its first half century, is dedicated to all the women and men and young people who, with the love of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, have built this community of faith. Special reverent dedication is set apart for the charter members; they left the comfort and security of the known; they were called by God into the unknown "wilderness" to create a new church; and they did!

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Prologue

The skirl of the bagpipes fills the sanctuary. Together the congregation rises as the St. Andrews Presbyterian College Pipe Band marches down the center aisle, playing the Scottish air, *Highland Cathedral*; White Memorial Presbyterian Church's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration begins. The order of worship is in the 1946 tradition of the very first worship service of the newly formed White Memorial Presbyterian Church, held in the Colony Theatre at Five Points in Raleigh, N.C.

Those charter members and Pastor Lynn Brown, now members of the *General Assembly of the Saints,* are with us in spirit; other charter members, together with former and current staff members, join in the euphoric feeling that transcends the congregation. Pastor Art Ross calls us to worship; charter member the Reverend Pat Stewart calls us to confession and pardon of our sins; Pastor Emeritus Ed Pickard brings greetings and leads us in prayer; the sanctuary choir raises its voice to Psalm 150, an anthem commissioned for the fiftieth anniversary; the Reverend Dick Sommers, charter member, preaches on *"Looking Forward With A Backward Glance"*; the pipers, the choir, and the congregation recess, singing the hymn *Amazing Grace.* Praise to God fills our hearts; his grace surrounds us.

Heart strings are tugged and lumpy throats swallow hard; there are tears: tears of joy, tears of gratitude, tears of deep spirituality; tears of remembrance; unabashed tears shining their way across cheeks and smiling faces; for the charter members fond memories returned their thoughts to the Genesis days of this community of faith — White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

PART I

The Genesis Period: 1945-1946

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The Beginning

March 1945: All things were not *"bright and beautiful."* For six long years, World War II raged in Europe, and for four of those years, our country fought in Europe and the Pacific. Italy had surrendered, and the Allied invasion of Europe was slowed by the Battle of the Bulge. In the Orient, Japan was bracing for the onslaught against their homeland. Many young men and women were away serving their country, and casualty lists increased daily. At home, the all-out war production created shortages of commodities such as sugar, meat, butter, gasoline, and tires; there were no new automobiles, in fact, most manufactured goods were unobtainable. And yet, in every generation, there are those God-loving people with vision, those who look to the future with hope and desire to prepare the way for children and children of children.

Raleigh was growing out from the center of the capital. The Hayes Barton area was developing into a larger residential neighborhood. It was expected to grow even more when the war ended, when demobilization occurred, and when the country returned to peace-time normalcy. This was the atmosphere when a group of 10 Presbyterians from First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh met together on March 9, 1945, to discuss the feasibility of forming a new Presbyterian church.

At the invitation of Karl G. Hudson Sr. and Donald S. Kimrey, Arthur W. Brown, James S. Burch, Graham M. Connell, James A. Davidson, Henry Hartzog Jr., W. C. Reid, Raymond A. Snow, and F. Lee Terry met at Mr. Kimrey's home in Five Points (Hayes Barton). This group met many times to talk, plan, and think together about what should be done and how to approach organizing a new church. Between these meetings, there were indepth discussions with their families, with their

friends, and undoubtedly, sincere prayers to God. The Christian dedication of the group soon determined that a new church in this area would grow, and through its influence, the word and kingdom of God would be extended.

It must be kept in mind that these 10 *"founding fathers"* were active members of First Presbyterian Church. The Reverend M. O. Sommers, the Session, and Board of Deacons of First Church were constantly informed of every action and agreed with all of them.

Throughout this period, First Church encouraged, sanctioned, blessed, and made substantial financial contributions. Reverend Sommers himself attended many of these meetings and actively participated by guiding the group.

These businessmen realized that land values would inflate even faster with the return to a peace-time economy, so that if a church was to be formed, land should be bought for the church site. After several lengthy conferences, the group agreed that the most suitable site from the standpoint of location, size, situation, and surroundings would be the "point" of land within the juncture of Oberlin Road and McDonald Lane. This property was made up of three parcels owned by three different persons. With the approval of the group, Mr. Karl G. Hudson Sr. negotiated the purchase of these three parcels:

- March 28, 1945, from Bertha Joyner Gardner, lots 19, 20, 21, 22, and 25 in the southwest section along Oberlin Road;
- April 10, 1945, from Lillian B. Allen, lots 23 and 24 in the southeast section along McDonald Lane;
- May 11, 1945, from N. E. Edgerton, the northern "point" section.

This property was acquired for a total cost of $9,500 from funds furnished by *"Friends of the New Church."* The donors wished to remain anonymous; therefore, the property was bought in the name of the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, N.C.; they acted as a temporary "holding" unit until such time as the new church could be officially and legally organized.

Now that land was available for a church, if and when a congregation could be formed, the group of 10 decided to call a meeting of all interested people. Each of the group enlisted the aid of a partner who was also known to be interested in the new church development. A list of all First Church members living in the "area" north of Peace Street and west of Glenwood Avenue was divided, and each individual was visited. The teams discussed the dream of a new church and invited all to come to the meeting. This meeting was planned for Sunday afternoon on May 27, 1945. It was announced by letter to all interested people, also announced from the First Church pulpit, and published in their bulletin. Throughout this inquiry period, First Church encouraged, blessed, and made financial contributions to the new church cause.

The Hayes Barton School auditorium was the place for the Sunday afternoon meeting, the minutes of which follow:

New Church
Minutes of General Meeting
May 27, 1945

Meeting held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, May 27, 1945, in the auditorium of the Hayes Barton School for the purpose of discussing plans for possible organization of a Presbyterian church in the Hayes Barton area of the city.

Reverend Sommers, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, opened meeting with scripture reading and prayer. He led off discussion by stating his position in the matter, which is one of unqualified support. He stated that the movement is not connected with any "split" in the First Church.

Mr. Sommers was elected moderator of this meeting.

Mr. Snow was elected clerk of this meeting.

Mr. Hudson, member of Planning Committee of First Church, reports on the matter of organizing a church in the Hayes Barton area, giving full information as to this movement and the accomplishments to date. He reported the purchase of a suitable lot at the intersection of McDonald Lane and Oberlin Road, stating that it was fully paid for. He stated that in case the lot did not seem desirable, it could be easily sold without loss. Lot now held by trustees of the First Church. Mr. Hudson concluded by stating that three courses of action were open:

1. *Organize into a church and worship in a school building or other temporary quarters.*
2. *Organize into a group within the First Church and commence to accumulate funds for a church plant.*
3. *Do nothing.*

Mr. Hudson mentioned that a person called him after church in the morning, stating that he had $5,000 available toward the project, providing a similar sum would be raised to match it.

Motion made by Mr. Kimrey and seconded by Mr. Connell that a group be organized with the First Church for the purpose of establishing the new church, and that arrangements be made to accumulate funds toward a building project. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Daniels inquired if First Church prepared to put any money into the project.

Reverend Sommers stated that he felt sure the officers would be receptive to such action, but that no commitment had been made.

Mr. Kimrey stated that in his opinion any financial aid by the First Church should <u>not</u> be in the nature of a mission church project, with continuing financial support through the years.

Mr. Horne stated that North Vanguard Church had no feeling of opposition toward the proposed Hayes Barton Church. Reverend Sommers confirmed this by stating that the former pastor of North Vanguard, Mr. Leslie Thompson, had advised him that his church was in accord with the movement. He also added that

West Raleigh Church was in sympathy with the project.

Motion made by Mr. Creekmore and properly seconded that those agreeable to joining the group within the First Church should signify such intention by signing their name and address on cards to be passed out. Motion passed.

Approximately 100 persons' names were turned in on the cards.

Motion made by Mr. Burch and properly seconded that Mr. Hudson be made temporary chairman of the group. There being no further nominations, motion made and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion passed.

Mr. Connell inquired if members of the group might revise their pledge to the First Church in order to contribute to a fund for the new church.

Mr. Hudson stated that he felt sure such a plan could be worked out with the Board of Deacons, although it had not been approached with the idea.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, clerk

Some of the highlights of this meeting were:

- unanimously agreed that a group be organized within First Church for the purpose of establishing a new church, and that arrangements be made to accumulate funds toward a building project;
- some 100 people signed cards indicating their intention to become members of the new church;
- Mr. Karl G. Hudson Sr. was appointed temporary chairman of the newly formed organization.

The first general meeting was history. Interested people showed their willingness to embark upon forming a new church, and actions were taken to support this. There was intensive activity over the ensuing months, with daily discussion and formal meetings occuring on a regular basis. Minutes of these early meetings reflect the dedication of the participants and the dialogue that took place as the new church took on a form of reality. Each of these meeting's major decisions are highlighted, and following this summary is each meeting's minutes.

One week later on June 3, 1945, at the second general meeting, these substantive actions were taken:

- appointed committees on membership, finance, building, and board of directors;
- Karl Hudson Sr. was made permanent chairman;
- Raymond Snow was appointed clerk.

The minutes follow:

New Church
Minutes of General Meeting
June 3, 1945

Meeting held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, June 3, 1945, in the auditorium of the Hayes Barton School for the purpose of further discussion of plans for a new church in the Hayes Barton area.

Mr. Hudson, temporary chairman, opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer.

Mr. Snow, temporary clerk, read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Those present were given a list of those persons who signified their interest in the project at the last meeting on May 27.

Mr. Hudson stated that there seemed to be three matters which needed handling by the group in order to make further progress:

1. *Increase the number of persons interested in the church.*
2. *Create a fund with which to build the church.*
3. *Formulate plans for the new church building.*

He stated that probably three committees should be appointed in order to handle the above.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson and properly seconded that Mr. Hudson be made permanent chairman and Mr. Snow made permanent clerk of the group. Motion put by Mr. Johnson and passed.

Motion made by Mr. Connell and properly seconded that Membership, Finance, and Building Committees be appointed. Motion amended to provide that the chairman appoint these committees.

Reverend Somners suggested that a board of directors be selected similar to the Vanguard Class plan of operation.

Mr. Connell withdrew his motion in favor of the board of directors idea.

After considerable discussion, motion made by Mr. Creekmore and seconded by Mr. Holler that the chairman appoint a committee of three to select nominees for a board of directors to consist of not more than 10 and not less than seven members. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Kimrey and properly seconded that the Board of Deacons be requested to honor the individual request of any member that a part of his pledge to First Church be set aside for the new church fund. Motion passed.

After some discussion as to the time and place of the next meeting, motion made by Mr. Johnson and properly seconded that the chairman call the next meeting, designating the time and place. Motion passed.

Mr. Connell suggested that a list of all Presbyterians living in the Hayes Barton area would be helpful in promoting the project among Presbyterians. Mr. Hudson stated that such lists would be made available.

Chairman Hudson urged that all members of the group take advantage of every

opportunity to talk up the plans to all who might be considered as prospective members.

Chairman Hudson read the names of the following persons who had turned in cards during the meeting, not having previously taken such action:

A. V. Anderson
Miss Clotilde Crow
Frank Daniels
J. V. Davis
James W. Denmark Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hudson III
Mrs. W. G. Pilley
Mrs. W. L. Wells (interested)
Hazel C. Williams

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 4:50 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, clerk

A short two weeks later, June 17, 1945, general meeting number three took place, at which 10 men and women were unanimously elected directors, which together with the chairman and the clerk comprised the 12 directors of the New Church Fellowship.

New Church
Minutes of General Meeting
June 17, 1945

Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, June 17, 1945, in the auditorium of the Hayes Barton School for the purpose of further discussion of plans for a new church in the Hayes Barton area.

Mr. Hudson, chairman, opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer.

Mr. Snow, clerk, read the minutes of the last meeting held on June 3, 1945. Minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Kimrey reported informally that the Board of Deacons had stated that any member of the First Church could change his current pledge if he so desired. He further reported that he understood the Board of Deacons would forward to the chairman a statement of its official action in the matter.

Mr. Hudson read report of committee, consisting of Chairman Raymond Snow, Mr. James A. Davidson, and Mr. William Horne, appointed to select list of nominees for a board of directors, and ballots were passed.

Mr. Hudson invited nominations from the floor, and the following three persons were nominated after which motion made, seconded, and passed that nominations be closed:

Mr. James A. Davidson
Mr. William Horne
The Reverend Dick Sommers

Mr. Hudson requested that these three names be added to those shown on the ballot.

Mr. Burch moved that the group proceed with the election of 10 directors, seven of which would be men and three of which would be women in accordance with the recommendation of the Nomination Committee. Motion seconded and passed.

It was agreed by common consent that the chairman and clerk of the group would act in similar capacity with the board of directors.

Mr. Hudson appointed Messrs. Holland, Sibley, and Willard as tellers.

Mr. Daniels moved that arrangements be made to take a vote on the directors by mail from those members of the group not present, since only approximately 40 to 45 members were present. Motion was seconded.

After discussion, motion was put to vote and was not carried.

During the counting of the votes by the tellers, general discussion developed in connection with names for the new church, by-laws and constitution for the group, and other matters for consideration by the board of directors, including a suggestion by Mr. Burch that information relating to the movement for the new church be mailed to Presbyterian service men whose homes are in the area.

Mr. Hudson announced that according to the balloting, the following persons would comprise the board of directors:

Mr. Arthur W. Brown
Mr. James S. Burch
Mr. Frank Daniels
Mr. Henry G. Hartzog Jr.
Mr. Charles M. Johnson
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mr. James A. Davidson
Mrs. Dan F. Holler
Mrs. J. C. Sibley
Mrs. Walter B. Willard

Mr. Kimzey moved that the vote be declared unanimous for the 10 members indicated above. Motion seconded and passed.

Mr. Hudson announced the following new members of the group that had signed cards during the meeting:

Mrs. William H. Ailor Jr.
Miss Claire Ann Davis
Mrs. J. V. Davis
Patricia Garvin
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Garvin
Miss Virginia A. Kirkpatrick
Mr. Sims H. Wells and family

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, clerk

Because the board was now functioning with working committees, it was decided to convene general meetings on an as required basis. Just five days after its election, the board of directors met to pragmatically search through the complex questions before them:

How large a membership should be anticipated?
How large a church should be built and of what type?
When should we build and how much would the construction cost?
Who should design the facilities?
Are the building materials available?
By what name should the new church be known?
Are there sources of funds outside the membership?
How would the membership tolerate an extended building schedule?

These were all very perplexing questions; however, looming over the discussion of each question was another major question: When will the war be over?

In June 1945, the war in Europe had ended only four weeks earlier and the still secret of war-ending atomic power was totally unknown to the masses. In this context and with these questions before them, the board of directors first met on June 22, 1945. It may appear from the minutes that very little was accomplished, but from the discussion one can understand that a problem well stated is half solved, and that the problem was thoroughly analyzed and prayerfully considered; the planning process leading to the solution had been started.

New Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 22, 1945

Board of directors meeting held at the home of Mr. Karl Hudson, 1535 Carr Street, at 8:00 p.m., June 22, 1945.

Directors present:

Mr. Arthur W. Brown
Mr. James S. Burch
Mr. Frank Daniels
Mr. Henry G. Hartzog Jr.
Mrs. Dan F. Holler
Mr. Charles M. Johnson
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mr. James A. Davidson
Mrs. Walter B. Willard

Meeting opened with prayer.

Motion passed that Mr. Hudson be declared chairman of the board.

Mr. Snow was declared secretary of the board by common consent.

There followed general discussion as to the next steps to be taken toward the formation of a Presbyterian church in the northern section of the city.

It was generally agreed that Membership, Finance, and Building Committees needed to be appointed.

In discussing finances, it was brought out that the average contribution from a group of 50 families could be estimated at approximately $150 per week. It was estimated that the operating cost of the proposed church would initially approximate $9,000 per year. It was thought that the officers of First Church might be agreeable to diverting to this project the income from the Sinclair lease on the old manse property.

The types of suitable church buildings were discussed following which a motion was passed authorizing Chairman Hudson to appoint a Building Plans Committee, consisting of five members of the group, whose duty it would be to consider and recommend the type of building best suited for this project.

Motion passed that Chairman Hudson appoint a Membership Committee consisting of as many members as in his judgment would be necessary to actively seek additional members for the group.

Mr. Hudson reported that $1,300 - $1,400 was already on hand in a fund for the church project.

During a discussion of a suitable name for the church, it seemed to be evident that the board felt that the church should be named in memory of Dr. White. It was reported that many members of the group were of the same opinion.

It was understood by the board that the deacons of First Church would permit any member of the group to divert any part of his current contribution to First Church by withdrawing his pledge and making a new one for the balance of the church year, with the understanding that any funds contributed to the project be given to the proper person in the new organization and not be handled by the treasurer of First Church. It was agreed that official confirmation of this arrangement should be forthcoming from the Board of Deacons of First Church.

Motion passed that Chairman Hudson appoint a Finance Committee of as many members as he might desire.

It was agreed by common consent that Mr. Hudson would act as temporary treasurer of the group.

It was suggested that parents and friends of Presbyterian men and women in the military be urged to write and tell them of this movement for a new church.

The secretary was instructed to prepare a digest of the minutes of this board meeting and mail it to all members of the group in order that they may be fully informed of the activities of the board. It was requested that this digest include names of members added to the group, since the original list was mailed.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the board would be held at the call of the chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, secretary

July 31, 1945 was the date of the second board of directors meeting and may have been the first of the new church's dinner meetings, since it was held at the

S & W Cafeteria. Basic decisions were reached at the meeting regarding:

- starting a building fund;
- the nature of the desired building; first build a Sunday School building;
- employing an architect;
- appointing a treasurer, Mr. Charles M. Johnson;
- forming a young people subcommittee, Mrs. Arthur Brown, chair.

During the interim between formal meetings, working committees were formed:

Finance Committee:
F. L. Terry, chair
W. T. Beaty
Henry Harris
Donald Kimrey
Pat Kimzey
W. H. Pitman

Building Plans Committee:
Graham M. Connell, chair
Mrs. James S. Burch
James A. Davidson
W. J. Hudson Jr.
Mrs. Charles M. Johnson
John Sibley

Membership Committee:
William Horne, chair
Mrs. Arthur Brown
J. W. Callahan
Thomas L. Creekmore
Virginia Kirkpatrick
Mrs. J. D. Lamm
W. C. Reid
J. S. Simpson
W. B. Willard

New Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 31, 1945

Meeting of board of directors held in S & W Cafeteria at 1:00 p.m. on July 31, 1945.

Directors present:

Mr. Arthur W. Brown
Mr. James S. Burch
Mr. James A. Davidson
Mr. Henry G. Hartzog Jr.
Mrs. Dan F. Holler
Mr. Karl Hudson, chairman
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mr. Raymond Snow, secretary
Mrs. Walter B. Willard

Visitors present:

Mr. Graham Connell, chairman, Building Plans Committee
The Reverend M. O. Sommers, pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Mr. F. L. Terry, chairman, Finance Committee

Meeting opened with prayer.

By common consent, minutes of previous meeting of June 17 were not read.

Chairman Hudson explained that meeting held for the purpose of hearing reports from the Membership, Building Plans, and Finance Committees.

In the absence of Chairman Horne of the Membership Committee, Chairman Hudson reported that the committee had met and was actively planning its program to interest a large number in the new church. Special emphasis would be directed toward interesting the young people by creation of a subcommittee headed by Mrs. Arthur Brown. The interest of the young children would be similarly treated.

Mr. Connell, chairman of the Building Plans Committee, reported that a meeting of his committee had been held, and that they felt more definite instructions as to anticipated membership, anticipated building fund, type of building was needed from the board of directors before they could accomplish much.

Mr. Terry, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that his committee had met and recommended that:

(a) A building fund of $50,000 be raised in the first year.
(b) A membership meeting be held, at which pledges would be secured.
(c) A permanent treasurer be appointed.

Following considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kimrey, seconded by Mr. Hartzog, and passed, that an effort be made to raise $50,000 by February 1, 1947, by means of cash contributions and pledges, payable on or before February 1, 1947.

Discussion followed as to the type of building best suited for the project and as to temporary or permanent construction.

Mr. Burch moved that the intention of the board of directors be to first build a Sunday School building and chapel of permanent-type construction so designed as to permit expansion into a complete church unit including auditorium. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and passed.

Mr. Hartzog moved that the Building Plans Committee be authorized to employ an architect to prepare sketches of the initial units, calling in Mr. Conover (Presbyterian consulting architect) as a consultant. Motion seconded by Mrs.

Holler and passed.

Motion made, seconded, and passed that Mr. Charles M. Johnson be appointed treasurer of the building fund.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, secretary

The summer of 1945 was almost over. The new church committees were constructively active in their planning. Early evening on August 15, 1945, the White House announced the end of the war. With thanks to God, we could return to peace after almost four years of our men and women fighting for freedom. There was a sense of euphoria and confidence in the board as they met for their third meeting on September 14, 1945. All standing committees reported making considerable progress; membership had grown, and increased pledges were committed. A decision was made to ask the city to close the street across the property, so that the property could be used more effectively. (Stone Street had been planned to extend westward from St. Mary's Street, across the property, connecting with what is now Dover Road.)

New Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 14, 1945

Board of directors meeting held at the home of Chairman Karl Hudson on the evening of September 14, 1945.

Directors present:

Mr. Arthur W. Brown
Mr. James S. Burch
Mr. James A. Davidson
Mr. Henry G. Hartzog Jr.
Mrs. Dan F. Holler
Mr. Karl Hudson, chairman
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mrs. J. C. Sibley
Mr. Raymond Snow, secretary

Visitors present:

The Reverend M. O. Sommers, pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Hudson asked for general discussion of the idea of holding a general meeting in September for all interested in the movement, so that the financial goal and other plans might be presented to the larger group. He reported that architect's sketches were not yet available and inquired if the lack of such information would

make a general meeting unwise.

After thorough discussion, motion made by Mr. Kimrey and seconded by Mr. Brown that a general meeting be held at the Hayes Barton School on the afternoon of September 23 for the purpose of advising the group as to plans and progress made since last meeting. Motion passed.

Chairman Hudson reminded the directors that any member of First Church could without any embarrassment revise his pledge, if necessary, in order to permit a contribution to the new project.

Chairman Hudson reported that all standing committees were working and making considerable progress.

Mr. Kimrey reported for the Finance Committee that it was making an effort to have all directors and all members of the standing committees make pledges for the new project before Friday, September 21, so that a substantial amount might be reported at the meeting Sunday, September 23, as having already been pledged.

After a discussion of the proposed church lot on Oberlin Road, it was agreed that Chairman Hudson, Mr. Burch, and Mr. Davidson should be a committee of three to confer with the city commissioners on the matter of closing the street across the lot so as to permit a better use of this land for a church.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, secretary

Records show that the board of directors had come to look forward to these meetings with enthusiasm and commitment but also enjoyed the pleasure of hospitality and refreshments served by Mrs. Hudson on each meeting night. At the November 16, 1945 meeting it was reported that:

- membership had grown from 100 to 223 in just six months;
- $24,700 had been pledged to the building fund;
- Mr. Snow and Mr. Sibley became co-chairs of the Name Committee;
- Mrs. Sibley was appointed publicity chair.

New Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 16, 1945

Meeting of board of directors held at the home of Chairman Karl Hudson on the evening of November 16, 1945.

Directors present:

Mr. Arthur W. Brown
Mr. James S. Burch
Mr. James A. Davidson
Mrs. Dan F. Holler
Mr. Karl Hudson, chairman
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mrs. J. C. Sibley
Mr. Raymond Snow, secretary

Meeting with the directors were:

Mr. William Horne, chairman, Membership Committee
The Reverend M. O. Sommers, pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Mr. F. L. Terry, chairman, Finance Committee

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Horne of the Membership Committee reported that a total of 223 persons, including children, had been enrolled as members of the group. He stated that his committee recommended that a complete list of the present members be mailed to each family. He estimated that 25 more would be enrolled by January 1, and that probably 50% of the original prospect list had joined the group.

Chairman Terry of the Finance Committee reported that from a total of 60 families, 47 families had pledged or paid a total of $24,667.50. He stated that $9,275 had been paid to the treasurer. He suggested that a Publicity Committee might be helpful and that suitable envelopes be placed in the pews of First Church for the convenience of those who wished to make payment in this manner.

There followed a general discussion of building plans. It was stated that the necessary preliminary information had been sent to the church architect in New York, but that he had not yet made any recommendation.

Chairman Hudson reported that negotiations with the city officials relating to the closing of the existing street across a portion of the church lot had not so far been successful, and that certain opposition had developed, making the outcome somewhat doubtful.

Chairman Hudson appointed Mrs. Sibley as publicity chairman, with the suggestion that details of the meetings of the group and of the board of directors be reported to the papers.

Chairman Hudson reminded Mr. Snow that he and Mr. Johnson were to serve as co-chairmen of a committee to select a suitable name for the new church.

Motion made by Mr. Kimrey and properly seconded that a list of the members of the group be prepared and mailed to the membership together with a letter from the chairman of the board, giving information as to the progress made. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Kimrey and seconded by Mr. Brown that the Finance Committee prepare suitable envelopes for distribution in the First Church pews in line with the recommendation of that committee. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, secretary

As is noted from the minutes, the Reverend M. O. Sommers of First Church participated, offering invaluable advice on church organization and procedure. He

carefully refrained from influencing any decision or swaying any person in his or her personal choice of churches. The February 12, 1946, and February 22, 1946, meetings were significant as it was decided to:

- ✝ petition Granville Presbytery at its April meeting for permission to organize the new church;
- ✝ select a committee to carry out this application;
- ✝ recommend suggestions for naming the church;
- ✝ call a meeting of the general membership for February 24, 1946.

New Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 12, 1946

Meeting of board of directors held at the home of Chairman Karl Hudson on the evening of February 12, 1946.

Directors present:

Mr. Arthur W. Brown
Mr. James S. Burch
Mr. Frank Daniels
Mr. James A. Davidson
Mr. Karl Hudson, chairman
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mrs. J. C. Sibley
Mr. Raymond Snow, secretary
Mrs. Walter Willard

Meeting with the directors:

The Reverend M. O. Sommers, pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and aproved, with correction changing the reference to "proposed" street across church property to "existing" street across church property.

Mr. Burch reported on his conference with the city engineer in the matter of securing the permission of the city to close the street on the church property on Oberlin Road. Mr. Burch suggested that the group pursue the matter further with the Planning Board and with the city commissioners.

Chairman Hudson raises the question as to whether the group should proceed to petition Presbytery at its April meeting for permission to organize a new church or defer such action until plans were further advanced. After much discussion in which it was brought out that such action might lend impetus to the movement and that First Church was somewhat inconvenienced in making its plans for the coming year by the rather indefinite status of the new church movement, motion made by Mr. Daniels and properly seconded that the officers of the board together with the Name Committee meet and decide upon further action, reporting back to the directors in time for a group meeting tentatively set for Sunday afternoon, February

24, 1946. Motion passed.

Chairman Hudson reported that approximately $28,000 had been raised by the group in the form of pledges and cash.

Mr. Kimrey reported that the Finance Committee anticipated an additional $5,000 could be raised.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, secretary

New Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 22, 1946

Meeting of board of directors held at the home of Chairman Karl Hudson on the evening of February 22, 1946.

Directors present:

Mr. Arthur W. Brown
Mr. James S. Burch
Mr. Frank Daniels
Mr. James A. Davidson
Mr. Karl Hudson, chairman
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mrs. J. C. Sibley
Mr. Raymond Snow, secretary
Mrs. Walter Willard

Meeting with the directors:

The Reverend M. O. Sommers, pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Chairman Hudson reported for the officers that the directors recommend to the membership the following actions:

(1) That application be made to Granville Presbytery to organize a church;
(2) That a committee be selected to prosecute this application;
(3) That all who apply for membership up to the time of organization be enrolled as charter members.

Motion made by Mr. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Burch that the directors recommend such action to the membership.

Mr. Snow, in the absence of Chairman Johnson, reported for the Name Committee its suggestion that the new church be named White Memorial Presbyterian Church. After general discussion and in the belief that more than one name should be suggested, the directors recommended that the Name Committee

offer the following four names to the membership at its meeting to be held Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., February 24, 1946, at the Hayes Barton Baptist Church, and at the same time invite further suggestions from those present:

(1) The White Memorial Presbyterian Church
(2) The Budleigh Presbyterian Church
(3) The Highland Presbyterian Church
(4) The Westminster Presbyterian Church

It was further recommended that in case of [one of] *the last three names* [being selected], *the chapel proposed as the first unit of the new church should be named the White Memorial Chapel.*

After general discussion of building plans and the architecture of the new church plant, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, secretary

The "Beginning" had evolved as the board of directors, through the calling of the Holy Spirit, summoned the general membership to act upon a series of recommendations to move forward the formation of the new church.

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"New Church" Becomes White Memorial

Fifty years ago on Sunday, February 24, 1946, the *"New Church"* directors called a meeting of the membership to select a name (and have the group act upon additional major items). Hayes Barton Baptist Church kindly offered their auditorium (sanctuary) as a meeting place. This was the first time that the "New Church" members had met together in a church.

Chairman Karl Hudson Sr. opened the meeting with scripture and prayer. First on the agenda was the selection of a name for the *"New Church."* The Name Committee and chairs, Charles Johnson and Raymond Snow, presented the board of directors recommendations:

1. White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh
2. Budleigh Presbyterian Church
3. Highland Presbyterian Church
4. Westminster Presbyterian Church

Two more names were proposed from the floor during the discussion:

5. Capital Presbyterian Church
6. Hayes Barton Presbyterian Church

There were very strong feelings for the name of White Memorial as a tribute to

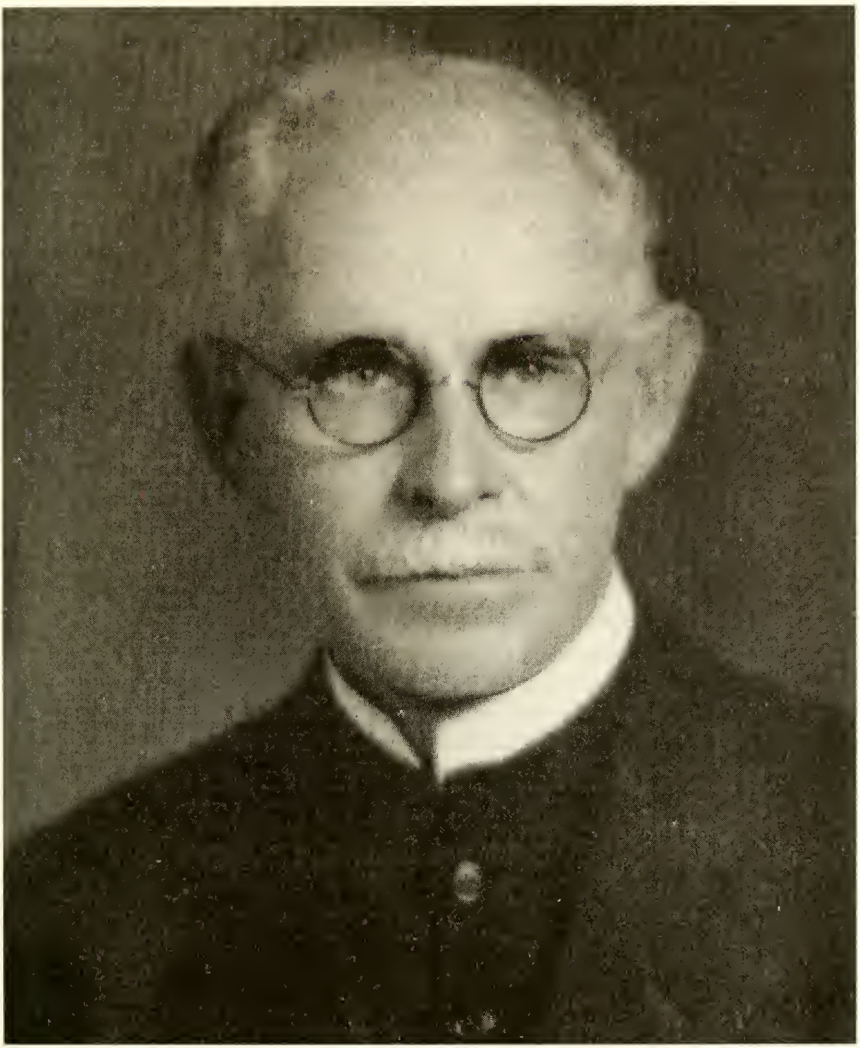
Dr. William McClanahan White, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh from 1908 to 1934. The popularity of adopting the name White Memorial was reinforced when it was moved, seconded, and passed *"that any name selected other than White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, should carry the provision that the proposed chapel to be built as part of the church would be named 'White Memorial Chapel.'"*

It was decided that each member would vote by writing the name of his/her choice on a ballot. Tellers *"Mr. Billy"* Horne and Dan Holler did their duty, and *"Mr. Billy"* reported that of a total of 59 votes, White Memorial, Highland, and Hayes Barton received the highest number. There followed a discussion that would test the ability of any chair's knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order. It was moved that the three names receiving the highest number of votes be placed on a ballot and mailed to the entire membership (since only 59 votes had been cast), and that the name receiving the highest number of votes would be declared the *"New Church's"* name. The motion lost! Another motion was made that the two names receiving the highest number of votes (White Memorial and Highland) be voted upon, the one receiving the highest number of votes to be declared the name of the *"New Church."* A substitute motion was made that the three highest names be used with the name receiving the majority of votes being declared the name of the *"New Church."* The substitute motion was defeated, and the original motion was passed. Again the tellers did their duty and *"Mr. Billy"* reported that White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh received the highest number of votes, with a total of 57 votes cast. Chairman Karl Hudson Sr. *"declared the name of the 'New Church' to be White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh."* In good Presbyterian form, the vote was declared unanimous, which demonstrated the solidarity of this fledgling group as they petitioned Granville Presbytery to organize this *"New Church."*

In the narthex of the church above the double doors that open upon the center aisle of the sanctuary, is a marble plaque, which describes the man that our church name honors:

This Church Commemorates the Life and Work
of
William McClanahan White, D.D.
1867-1934
Preacher, Evangelist, Educator

Who, zealous for the Kingdom of God, laboured while pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, 1908-1934, to establish other Presbyterian churches in the city of Raleigh and in Wake and Johnston Counties; which churches today manifest the blessing of God.



Dr. William McClanahan White

Dr. White was called from his home state of Virginia to be the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh where he was installed on May 6, 1908. His achievements in Raleigh were manifold.

Dr. White is best remembered for his evangelistic zeal and the impetus he gave Home Missions in Raleigh and the surrounding country. When Dr. White came to Raleigh, the First Presbyterian Church was the only Presbyterian church in Wake County and had a membership of around 500. When he died, there were three organized new churches in the city and five in the county: Myatt's Chapel, Varina, Mount Pleasant, Willow Springs and Fellowship, and two outposts in the county: Buffaloe and Neuse. These churches had a total membership of approximately 1,000, and the First Church alone had a membership of 1,100, an increase of 1,600 Presbyterian members in 26 years. Today in the Raleigh area, there are over 20 Presbyterian churches.

In Raleigh on June 12, 1910, Dr. White preached a sermon on Mark 12:26, 29, *"Seed Sowing."* In this sermon he said,

> *"When I lived in Lewisburg, W. Va., there was a spot about six miles north of town where I began preaching in a schoolhouse, and when the congregation got too large for the house in the summertime, we preached under the shade of the spreading oak trees. Some souls were saved and brought into the church. Before leaving, I saw built there a commodious country church — seating 300. It is now an independent church with a pastor of its own. At another point, east of town about five miles, a chapel was built and is exerting beneficial influence there. About six miles south of town, I preached in a log building which has been replaced by a good building with regular services in it. After a lapse of 10 years* [He had been back in Lewisburg in February 1910.], *one looks back and sees the fruits of seed sowing — many a time I've felt while I was engaging in the work that it was amounting to nothing — so slow — all would be lost. But seeds, once sown under God's watchful eye, do not perish."*

Some 12 years after his death, seeds sown by Dr. White matured in 1946 with the organization of White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. White Memorial has been proud to carry forward the evangelistic heritage of Dr. White by actively participating in the founding of Presbyterian churches such as Hudson Memorial, Cary; Kirk of Kildaire; St. Andrews; and others. We now plant and nurture another seed know as the Davis Drive Presbyterian Fellowship of Cary. It too will become another Presbyterian church in the tradition of Dr. White.

**Note: Biographical information courtesy of Karl Hudson Jr. and Ann White.*

3

Petition and Organization

Another significant decision was reached at the general meeting of February 24, 1946. While the ballots for naming the new church were being counted, the board of directors offered its recommendation to petition Granville Presbytery to organize a new church. It was moved and seconded that such a petition be presented to the April 1946 meeting of Presbytery. There was considerable discussion about this process, and the motion was passed. The members also approved a motion that the chairman appoint a committee of three, including the chair, to prepare the petition and present it to Presbytery. Another motion was passed that "charter members" of the new church consist of those signing the petition and those presenting themselves at the organization meeting, which would be conducted by a commission appointed by Presbytery. During the second vote on the selection of the name, the petition was passed among those members present for their signatures.

The seventh and final meeting of the board of directors took place on April 19, 1946. It was reported that White Memorial's petition for organization had been presented to the April meeting of Granville Presbytery, and that Presbytery had appointed a commission headed by the Reverend Dr. Kelsey Regen of Durham, N.C. to organize the church.

Presbyterian government as outlined in the Book of Order states that a commission is empowered to consider and conclude matters referred to it by a governing body. The appointing body shall state specifically the scope of power given to a commission (Section G-9.0502). This is contrasted with a committee that is appointed either to study and recommend appropriate action or to carry out

directions or decisions made by a governing body (Section G-9.0501).

Board of directors' actions were as follows:

- suggest to the commission chair that the organization meeting be scheduled for May 19, 1946, at First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh;
- provide for automatic transfer of First Church memberships to White Memorial;
- recommend to the congregation the election of 9 elders and 15 deacons;
- recommend to the congregation the election of trustees.

Finance Chairman F. L. Terry reported a building fund total of $29,114. Chairman Hudson reported that First Presbyterian Church had pledged $5,000, bringing the total to $34,114. A goal of $50,000 was unofficially set to achieve by the May 19, 1946 organization meeting.

New Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 19, 1946

Meeting of the board of directors held at the home of Chairman Karl Hudson on the evening of April 19, 1946, at 8:00 p.m.

Directors present:

Mr. Arthur W. Brown
Mr. James S. Burch
Mr. Karl Hudson, chairman
Mr. James A. Davidson
Mr. Raymond Snow, secretary
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mrs. Walter Willard
Mr. Henry Hartzog Jr.

Meeting with the directors:

The Reverend M. O. Sommers, pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Mr. F. L. Terry, chairman, Finance Committee

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Chairman Hudson reported that a petition for the organization of the White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh had been presented at the April meeting of Granville Presbytery, and that Presbytery appointed a commission, headed by the Reverend Dr. Kelsey Regen of Durham, to organize the church.

Motion made by Mr. Kimrey and seconded by Mr. Burch that Chairman Hudson suggest to Dr. Regen that the organization meeting be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 3:30 p.m. on May 19, 1946. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Kimrey that a notification letter be mailed to all whose names appear on the present membership list, advising them that if they were members of the First Church, they would be automatically transferred to the White Memorial Church, unless they requested otherwise prior to

the 19th day of May. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Kimrey that the directors recommend to the congregation the election of 9 elders and 15 deacons.

Substitute motion made by Mr. Davidson and seconded by Mr. Hartzog that the directors recommend to the congregation the election of 12 elders and 15 deacons.

Upon being put to vote, the substitute motion was not passed, and the orginial motion was passed.

Motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Davidson that the directors recommend to the congregation that the elders be elected for an indefinite term, and the deacons be elected in three classes of five deacons each, the first class for a term of one year, the second class for a term of two years, and the third class for a term of three years with the understanding that all deacons be elected for a three-year-term thereafter. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Hartzog and seconded by Mrs. Willard that the directors recommend to the congregation that the clerk of the Session, the chairman of the Board of Deacons, and the current expense treasurer be elected as trustees of the White Memorial Church. Motion passed.

Mr. Terry, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that Treasurer Johnson had on file a total of 82 pledges for $29, 114.18 of which $18, 889.18 had been paid in cash.

Chairman Hudson reported that the First Presbyterian Church by action of its Board of Deacons had pledged $5,000, bringing the total pledge to $34,114.18.

Chairman Hudson reported that he could secure an additional $10,000 if the group would agree to raise $5,885.82 by May 19, to bring the grand total to $50,000.

While no official motion was passed, it was the general opinion of the directors present that the $5,885.82 would be raised by May 19.

Chairman Hudson reported that the Building Plans Committee had met with an architect the previous evening, and that a building probably could not be started until the summer of 1947.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Signed: Raymond A. Snow, secretary

May 19, 1946, Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church Universal, was a most appropriate day for the organization, the birthday, of White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

Minutes of Meeting
Granville Presbytery Commission
for Organizing
White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, N.C.
Sunday, May 19, 1946
(Abridged Version)

Dr. Kelsey Regen, of the First Presbyterian Church, Durham, convened the commission at 3:00 p.m. in the minister's room of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, with the following members present:

- *Reverend Kelsey Regen, D.D., Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Durham, N.C., and Moderator of Granville Presbytery*
- *Reverend E. J. Agsten, Minister of the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, Raleigh*
- *Reverend A. R. Buffaloe, Minister of the First Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh*
- *Reverend R. D. Carson, Minister of the North Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh*
- *Reverend M. O. Sommers, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh*
- *Mr. J. C. Allison, Ruling Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh*
- *Mr. H. H. Milner, Ruling Elder of the First Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh*
- *Mr. Jule B. Warren, Ruling Elder, West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, Raleigh*
- *Mr. M. E. Sutton, Ruling Elder, First Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, was absent, due to being called out of the city.*

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Regen.

Jule B. Warren was elected clerk of the Organizing Commission.

Dr. Regen expressed the appreciation of the commission to Dr. M. O. Sommers, pastor of Raleigh's First Presbyterian Church for the preparation of the program for the organization meeting.

The commission adjourned to the auditorium of the church at 3:30 p.m. where the preliminary worship program indicated on the present program was carried out.

An abridged copy of this worship service follows:

The Organization Meeting

of the

White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh

in

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Raleigh, North Carolina

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1946

AFTERNOON WORSHIP, 3:30 O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude

Hymn—"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name".....No. 116

Prayer .....Mr. Agsten

Reading of the Scripture—Acts II:37-47.....Mr. Carson

Anthem—"O Come, Let Us Sing".....*Corbin*

Sermon—**"Christian Church Characteristics"**.....Mr. Sommers

Text—"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."—Acts II:42.

Hymn—"The Church's One Foundation".....No. 345

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

Statement of the Purpose of the Meeting.....Dr. Regen

Presentation of Certificates of Dismission and Credentials.

The Constitutional Procedure:

The Petitioners shall read in unison the following:

Having presented our qualifications for membership in the proposed new Church, we do now desire to be organized and constituted a Church of Christ, to be known as The White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, North Carolina, and to be under the jurisdiction of Granville Presbytery, of The Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Moderator shall say:

Do you, in reliance upon God for strength and guidance, solemnly promise to walk together as an organized Church of Christ, according to the principles of the Faith and Order of the Presbyterian Church, and that you will ever seek to promote the purity and harmony of the whole Church, Christ's Body in the world?

The Petitioners shall respond:

We do covenant and agree to walk together as an organized Church of Christ, according to the Faith and Order of the Presbyterian Church. We promise to maintain this Church by our attendance at its services of worship, our support of its work, our gifts, our faithful efforts, and our prayers, and to seek in its fellowship to glorify the Name and further the Cause of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Moderator shall say:

By the authority committed unto this Commission by the Presbytery of Granville, I do now pronounce and declare that you are constituted a Church of Christ, according to the Word of God and the Faith and Order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and are hereafter to be known as The White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, North Carolina. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons.

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons.

Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord".....No. 353

Benediction .....Mr. Buffaloe

Organ Postlude.

GRANVILLE PRESBYTERY'S ORGANIZING COMMISSION

Reverend Kelsey Regen, D.D., Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Durham, N. C., and Moderator of Granville Presbytery.
Reverend E. J. Agsten, Minister of the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C.
Reverend A. R. Buffaloe, Minister of the First Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C.
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Reverend M. O. Sommers, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C.
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Mr. H. H. Milner, Ruling Elder of the First Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C.
Mr. M. E. Sutton, Ruling Elder of the North Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C.
Mr. Jule B. Warren, Ruling Elder of the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C.

(There followed the petitioners who, with others, became the charter members - see Appendix "B.")

Dr. Sommers prefaced his sermon with a statement that he attended the meeting with mixed emotions — gladness that the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh continued the missionary work of organizing new churches, and sadness that about 250 people to whom he had ministered for nearly five years were leaving the "mother church." He then preached a sermon, "Christian Church Characteristics," based on a text from Acts 2:42. He discussed briefly the four characteristics Paul pointed out as necessary for a successful church — namely:

1. *Steadfastness in doctrine;*
2. *Fellowship;*
3. *Breaking of bread;*
4. *Prayer.*

Following the singing of the hymn, Dr. Regen stated the purpose of the meeting. At the spring meeting of the Granville Presbytery, a petition was presented for the organization of the White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. The Presbytery found the petition in order, and appointed the commission, above named, as a court of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, to carry out the organization of this new church.

Dr. Regen recognized Mr. Karl Hudson, representing the petitioners, who presented the names of the petitioners. They had signified their desire to become members of the White Memorial Presbyterian Church by signing cards.

*The petitioners included members of the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, and other churches, as listed below.**

*The persons whose names appear below** are the petitioners for the organization of the White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, N.C. They, together with such other persons as are received as members at the time of the church's organization, constitute the charter members of the church.*

Petitioners from First Presbyterian Church	229
Petitioners from other N.C. churches	15
Subtotal	244

On the call for others who wished to add their names to the petitioners, either by letter of transfer or profession of faith, the following indicated their desire to become members of White Memorial Church:

From First Presbyterian Church	9
From other N.C. churches	2
From S.C. church	1
Others from First Presbyterian Church	3
Subtotal	15
Prior petitioner group	244
Total charter members	**259**

Dr. Regen carried out the constitution procedure provided for the organization of a new church.

Ruling Elder J. C. Allison, representing the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, reported that the Session had dismissed those members of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, whose names appeared on the petition and certificate of transfer would be issued as soon as the new church was organized.

On motion of Mr. Milner, seconded by Dr. Sommers of the commission, the petition was found in order and approved by the commission.

The commission moderator next called for the election of ruling elders of the White Memorial Church.

Mr. Karl Hudson, reporting for the group which had been active in plans for the new church, said it was recommended that there be 9 ruling elders, and a board of 15 deacons. Terms of the elders were unlimited, but the recommendation was for three-year-terms for deacons, which would overlap with five retiring each year.

By unanimous vote, the membership adopted these recommendations with the understanding that the Session would work out the plans as to which one third of the deacons would serve one year, which two years and which three years, after which all terms would be for three years.

Mr. Hudson also suggested the secret balloting method for electing elders and deacons, and this was adopted. Printed slips with the names of all eligible people were distributed, and the congregation voted, with a majority electing.

R. H. Allred reported that on the first ballot the following got a majority of the

112 votes cast for ruling elders: William Horne, Karl Hudson, J. W. Kellogg, Lyman Kiser, Raymond Snow

On motion of Mr. W. P. Kimzey, and carried, the four men getting the next highest votes were elected ruling elders. The Tellers' Committee reported that this action added the following to the list of ruling elders elected: J. A. Davidson, George Geoghegan, D. S. Kimrey, and W. H. Pitman.

On motion of J. S. Burch and carried by a standing vote, the clerk of the commission was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the congregation for these four.

On motion of Mr. Kimzey, duly seconded and carried, the same method of electing deacons was followed.

The Tellers' Committee reported that the following 15 got the highest number of votes: R. H. Allred, W. T. Beaty, Arthur Brown, James S. Burch, F. R. Caudle, G. M. Connell, Frank Daniels, Henry Harris, Henry G. Hartzog Jr., Dan F. Holler, W. J. Hudson Jr., Charles M. Johnson, John D. Minter, F. L. Terry, and W. B. Willard.

On motion duly made and carried, the clerk of the commission was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the congregation for these 15 men as deacons.

While the ballots were being counted, Reverend A. J. Agsten brought the greetings of the West Raleigh, North Vanguard, and First Vanguard churches to the congregation of White Memorial. J. C. Allison of the First Presbyterian Church Session expressed the greetings of his church and offered the facilities of the First Church to the new congregation until such time as some decision was reached about a temporary meeting place.

A report was made showing that pledges and cash in hand for the new church amounted to $47,622.18, with good prospects that the $50,000 goal would be reached.

At the close of the organization meeting, Moderator Regen designated Mr. Karl Hudson as the convening officer of the Session until a meeting is held and a clerk is elected.

Following the election of ruling elders and deacons, they were ordained and installed by the moderator and members of the commission.

The business of the organization meeting having been completed, the meeting adjourned following the benediction by Reverend A. R. Buffaloe.

At the close of the public session, Presbytery Organizing Commission retired to the minister's room for a brief session, at which time minutes of the commission, as they would be prepared by the clerk, were approved.

Adjournment sine die came after prayer by Dr. Regen.

Signed: Jule B. Warren, commission clerk

**Refer to list of charter members, Appendix "B."*

Just 14 months after the gathering in Don Kimrey's home, White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh was organized and formally set forth to carry out the calling of God.

4

The New Church Acts

One week after the organization meeting, Karl Hudson Sr. convened the Session. The church was now organized, and a functioning entity, and the elders, deacons, and congregation had responsibilities to carry out in making White Memorial an active church. The Session elected Karl Hudson Sr. as moderator until a minister might be secured. Raymond Snow was elected clerk of the Session. Discussion then followed on a plan of action. The Session declared itself in favor of proceeding to locate a temporary place of worship suitable for both church and Sunday School services and to call a pastor. The Session and Board of Deacons, in a joint meeting, agreed with the above recommendations and set a goal of calling a pastor by October 1, 1946.

The Building Committee was approved, consisting of:

James S. Burch
Graham Connell, chair
J. A. Davidson
W. J. Hudson Jr.
Mrs. Charles M. Johnson

It was also decided at the joint meeting to call a congregation meeting for June 16, 1946, to ask the members to consider further steps in becoming an active church.

The first meeting of the congregation was held on Sunday, June 16, 1946. Its main order of business was to elect a Pulpit Committee made up of a cross section of the congregation. Those elected were:

Karl Hudson Sr.	Session
Raymond Snow	Session
Fitz R. Caudle	Diaconate
Henry Harris	Diaconate
Patricia Kimzey	Women of the Church
Mary Minter	Women of the Church
Frank Daniels Jr.	Young People
Lois Newton	Young People
David Crenshaw	Church at Large
Frank Meece	Church at Large

The Pulpit Committee was most active in corresponding with qualified ministers. They visited a church in South Carolina and heard its pastor. In early July, they heard the Reverend Charles Lynnwood Brown as guest preacher at First Church in Raleigh. They must have liked Reverend Brown, since the committee on July 28, 1946, traveled in two cars to Reverend Brown's hometown of Concord, N.C., where he was again a guest speaker. Frank Daniels Jr. reports that the driver of the car in which his group was riding knew how to get to First Church in Concord, only to learn upon entering the sanctuary that they were in the wrong church. Very quickly they arrived at their destination just as Reverend Brown was rising to preach. Lois Newton (Wilson), another of the committee's youth members, remembers how grand Reverend Brown looked dressed in his army paratroopers chaplin uniform with his medals emblazoned on his chest. Pulpit committees to this day have "hitches" in their operation as they seek the call of God in their search.

One of the duties of an active church was to elect a delegate to the meeting of Granville Presbytery. *"Mr. Billy"* Horne was so honored and reported back to the Session that White Memorial had been assigned $350 by the Home Missions Committee as its proportionate share of the Home Missions Emergency Fund, totaling $6,346 to be raised in 1946. Thus, the church has become active in the eyes of Presbytery.

White Memorial's congregation held its second meeting on Sunday, August 11, 1946, after the morning service at First Presbyterian Church, for the following purposes:

1. Hearing the report of the committee appointed to seek a pastor — and if the way is clear, to issue a call for a pastor;
2. To transact any business necessary concerning plans for the advancement of church activities and services.

Eight weeks after the congregation appointed a Pulpit Committee, they gathered to hear the report of that committee. The record depicts the gravity and excitement of the meeting:

[A Meeting of the Congregation]
[White Memorial Presbyterian Church]
[August 11, 1946]

Mr. Karl Hudson convened the meeting as instructed by the Session.

Reverend J. E. Bear, D.D., guest preacher at the morning service, was elected moderator of the meeting.

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Snow was elected clerk of the meeting.

A quorum was declared to be present by the clerk.

The moderator stated the purpose of the meeting and a motion was passed to proceed with the election of a pastor for White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hudson, chairman of the committee appointed to seek a pastor, reported that the committee unanimously agreed to present the name of Reverend Charles Lynn Brown as its choice. Following a statement as to his qualifications as determined by the committee, Mr. Hudson moved that Reverend Charles Lynn Brown be called to serve White Memorial Presbyterian Church as its pastor. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hudson read the formal call —

> *The church of White Memorial of Raleigh being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Reverend Charles Lynn Brown, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord. And that you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of thirty six hundred dollars ($3,600) a year in regular monthly payments and a manse or living quarters, and will pay into the Ministers' Annuity Fund a sum equivalent to 7 1/2% of the salary, during the time of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church.*

In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 11th day of August A.D. 1946.

Special Committee Appointed by
White Memorial Church of Raleigh

Karl G. Hudson, chairman
F. R. Caudle
David Crenshaw
Frank Daniels Jr.
Henry Harris
Mrs. W. P. Kimzey
Frank Meece
Mrs. John D. Minter
Miss Lois Newton
Raymond Snow

Attest:

I, Reverend J. E. Bear, D.D., having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a call to Reverend Charles Lynn Brown for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the Book of Church Order, and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.

Signed: Reverend J. E. Bear, D.D., moderator of the meeting

Mr. Hudson moved the adoption of the formal call as read. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion passed that the members of the committee appointed to seek a pastor be authorized to sign the call.

Motion passed that the Session be authorized to select a place of worship.

Minutes of this meeting were read by the clerk and approved as read.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by the moderator.

Signed: Raymond Snow, clerk

That evening, Moderator Hudson telephoned Reverend Charles Lynnwood Brown, advising him of the call by the congregation to become the pastor of White Memorial.

Moderator Hudson reported at the Monday evening (August 12, 1946) Session meeting that he had telephoned Lynn Brown, and that White Memorial was now blessed with a pastor. The Session also took action on the following:

- appointing an Arrangements Committee of J. A. Davidson, D. S. Kimrey, and W. H. Pitman to arrange for church services at the Colony Theatre and Sunday School sessions at the Hayes Barton School, providing the cost would not be excessive;
- appointing a committee of J. W. Kellogg, D. S. Kimrey, and W. H. Pitman to visit the sick;
- hearing a report of the Board of Deacons, who were planning a member pledge campaign to raise between $12,000 and $15,000 annually for operating and benevolent expenses.

Pastor-elect Lynn Brown arrived in Raleigh on Labor Day, September 2, 1946, and obtained a room at the Carolina Hotel. He preached at First Church the following Sunday, September 8, 1946, and was welcomed to his first meeting with the Session that evening, held at the home of *"Mr. Billy"* Horne. In response to the Session's assurance of loyal support, Lynn said that he was looking forward with much pleasure to his association with White Memorial and was gratified to see the interest and enthusiasm among its members. W. H. Pitman of the Arrangements Committee reported that the Colony Theatre at Five Points would be available at negligible cost, and that the Hayes Barton School would be available with a small charge for heat and janitor service. With the help of the pastor-elect's suggestions, the committee was authorized to secure whatever items were necessary to make the theater a reasonable place of worship. Mrs. George Geoghegan became the fourth member of the committee, which certainly aided the three-man team in its transformation of the theater for Sunday worship.

Sunday morning, October 6, 1946, was chosen for services to commence both for the church and Sunday School, with the first White Memorial communion service to be held on Sunday, October 13, 1946. Pastor-elect Lynn Brown suggested that a *"Family Night"* be held during the week of September 29, which would be an opportunity to get acquainted and have fellowship.

One may find it difficult to comprehend the myriad of problems and large and small tasks facing the boards and members of White Memorial as they worked to become an independent church. The "shortages" that continued to exist from the war conditions offered challenges to the men and women of White Memorial. White Memorial had no church, no budget, no office, no equipment, no hymn books, no manse, no offering plates, but it did have a fine crop of weeds on its new church site and also a magnificant group of enthusiastic members. The list of things to acquire and things to do seemed endless.

The Board of Deacons Meeting Minutes
Raleigh Professional Building
September 9, 1946

The Board of Deacons of White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, N.C., met Monday night at 8:00 p.m. in the professional building. Those present were: Pastor Lynnwood Brown, Deacons R. H. Allred, Arthur W. Brown, James S. Burch, F. R. Caudle, G. M. Connell, Frank Daniels, Henry W. Harris, Henry G. Hartzog Jr., W. J. Hudson Jr., John D. Minter, F. L. Terry, and W. B. Willard. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Lynnwood Brown. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Mr. J. S. Burch asked what was being done toward building an appropriate sign upon the new church site. He was informed that this was being worked upon, and that the sign would be built in the near future.

Chairman Caudle submitted a list of proposed committees for the board's consideration. Mr. G. M. Connell moved that they be accepted, was seconded, and the motion passed.

Chairman Caudle read a letter from Mr. R. A. Snow advising the deacons that our pro-rata share of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund would be $350 for the balance of the current church year. Upon motion of Mr. G. M. Connell, properly seconded, the board voted to pay this amount before March 31, 1947.

Mr. Connell gave a report from his committee composed of himself and Mr. James A. Davidson, in which they had contracted with Mr. C. C. Mangun to clean off the church building site for $150. After the site was cleaned off, Mr. Mangum donated $75 of the contract price to the church. A letter of appreciation to Mr. Mangum was read.

Chairman Caudle called upon the teams for a report on their solicitations of the church membership who had not made pledges to the general treasury for current expenses and benevolences. It developed that it was a little early to tabulate the results, however, from the preliminary reports it is indicated that the tentative $12,000 goal will be reached. Mr. Caudle asked that the rest of the solicitation be speeded up insofar as is practical.

Mr. James S. Burch gave a report of the building fund, which is as follows:

Cash on hand	$25,861.03
Bond	74.00
	$25,935.03
Unpaid pledges	21,400.00
	$47,335.03

He stated that this report was as of September 6, 1946, and that no bills were outstanding.

Mr. G. M. Connell raised the question as to the advisability of getting priorities to start work on the chapel for the church now that we have a pastor. The

consensus of the board was that the Building Committee should meet with the Building Committee from the Session and work out joint proposals to be submitted to the membership.

Chairman Caudle called upon Pastor Lynnwood Brown for some remarks. Mr. Brown advised that the church would start holding regular services on Sunday, October 6, 1946. The church services will be held in the Colony Theatre and the church school services in the Hayes Barton School. It is hoped that the membership will have a social get-together before October 6, to build up a "family feeling." Reverend Brown intends to have a joint meeting of the elders and deacons before October 6. In the course of his remarks, he suggested that an estimated budget of the church be set up and that benevolences be included from the very beginning. He suggested that we set up some objectives for the church. Reverend Brown advised that before our first meeting on October 6, we would need a piano, hymnals, Sunday School literature, and pulpit furniture. While on the subject, Reverend Brown also informed the deacons that he was desperately in need of living quarters for himself, a church office, furniture for the office, and a church secretary. He suggested that the men of the church be later organized into a "men's club."

After the remarks of Reverend Brown, the following definite steps were taken:

1. *The Stewardship and Finance Committee was instructed to set up an estimated budget for the balance of the church year.*
2. *Mr. G. M. Connell and Mr. F. L. Terry were selected to attempt to obtain a church office.*
3. *Mr. G. M. Connell volunteered to help in obtaining a church secretary.*
4. *Mr. John Minter was appointed to work with the pastor in obtaining church stationery and a church calendar for the October 6 meeting.*
5. *Mr. John Minter was appointed to work with the ladies of the church in arranging for the music at the services.*

There followed a discussion about a letter to the congregation advising and informing them about the finances and the plans of the church. Included in this letter was to be the information that all pledges from members of the White Memorial Church to the First Presbyterian Church would revert to the White Memorial Church after October 1. The Stewardship and Finance Committee was instructed to frame this letter to the membership and get it approved by the Board of Deacons before mailing.

Chairman Caudle appointed Mr. J. S. Burch to serve with a committee from the Session on the appointments and arrangements at the Colony Theatre for our church services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. and closed with prayer by Mr. Burch.

Signed: Dan F. Holler, secretary

Six days later the Diaconate met (September 15, 1946) and reported that many of the so called "problems" had been solved:

- hiring Nell Hay as the church secretary;
- agreeing to rent the home of Dr. Crittenden at 1537 Caswell Drive as a manse and office for Pastor Lynn Brown;
- passing a proposed budget of $7,000;
- John Minter, chair of the Music Committee, reported on the efforts to secure an organist and choir director.

The Board of Deacons Meeting Minutes
Raleigh Professional Building
September 15, 1946

The Board of Deacons of White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, N.C., met on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the professional building. Those present were: R. H. Allred, Arthur W. Brown, James S. Burch, F. R. Caudle, Frank Daniels, Henry W. Harris, Dan F. Holler, John D. Minter, F. L. Terry, W. B. Willard.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. F. L. Terry. Upon motion by Mr. Burch, seconded and passed, the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with. Chairman Caudle read the letter that will be mailed to members of the White Memorial Presbyterian Church who have made pledges to the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. There followed some discussion, and some changes in the wording of this letter were made. A motion was made by Mr. Arthur W. Brown, seconded and passed, that the letter with the corrections be mailed to the church members.

The committee appointed to secure a church secretary reported that Miss Nell Hay had been contacted and was willing to accept the position at $150 per month. Upon motion by Mr. Henry Harris, duly seconded and passed, the arrangements made by the committee were approved.

Chairman Caudle read a letter from Dr. Crittenden regarding the renting of his home to the new pastor, Reverend Charles Lynn Brown. Mr. F. L. Terry explained to the Board of Deacons the arrangements made with Dr. Crittenden. A letter containing the arrangements and agreements is included. Upon motion by Mr. Arthur Brown, duly seconded and passed, the board approved the renting of the house under the conditions provided for in the letter from Dr. Crittenden. There followed a discussion by Mr. Burch and others regarding the renting of one or more of the rooms in this house. No action was taken.

Chairman Caudle presented the proposed budget for a six-month period and stated that there was a need for a $7,000 budget rather than a $6,000 budget previously discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Burch that the budget as read by Chairman Caudle be approved. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Mr. John Minter gave a report on the efforts made to secure a combination organist and choir director. The salary of this person was discussed, and it was

brought out in the discussion that since we did not have an organ and would not be having evening or midweek services, it was thought advisable to secure someone at a salary not to exceed $150 per month and cheaper if possible. A motion was made by Mr. Daniels to leave the selection of the organist and director in the hands of the Music Committee and Chairman Caudle. This motion was duly seconded and passed. Mr. Minter pointed out that he was the only person on the committee. Chairman Caudle appointed Mr. W. B. Willard and Mr. Arthur Brown to serve on the committee with Mr. Minter.

A motion was made by Mr. Arthur Brown for adjournment and duly seconded and passed. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. James S. Burch.

Signed: Dan F. Holler, secretary

The church officers were truly working every spare moment to accomplish the goal of the first worship service on October 6, 1946. Many of the items accomplished were:

- making suitable pledge transfer arrangements with First Church;
- ordering song books, hymn books, and offering envelopes;
- negotiating for an organ or piano;
- designing and building pulpit furniture and a platform from whatever materials were available;
- seeking volunteers for Sunday School offices and teaching positions; and
- visiting members individually for pledges.

Throughout this phase, White Memorial members continued to worship and attend Sunday School at First Presbyterian, the "mother church." Soon White Memorial would sever the direct tie with First Church as it moved toward independent services and operation. It was now advisable to organize that group in the church that is so very important to and an integral part of the church's success — that group is the women. The Session had designated Donald S. Kimrey as its representative in the forming of the Women's Auxiliary. All women of White Memorial were invited to an organizational meeting on September 16, 1946, at which time they completely organized and elected officers to lead the Women's Auxiliary and also formed circles. Specifics of the organization meeting and the Women are found in Chapter 11 and future chapters.

During all of these days of meetings and the tireless effort of the members, a Sunday School organization was being developed. All of those members who had been active officers and teachers in other Presbyterian churches came forward and volunteered to serve the nurturing of the children and youth.

All of the officers and teachers would constitute the *"Workers' Conference,"* and this conference would meet on the first Monday of each month to coordinate the work and plans of the Sunday School program.

More than 200 members gathered in the Hayes Barton School cafeteria on Friday evening, October 4, 1996, for a *"Family Night"* of fellowship and becoming acquainted with the pastor-elect, officers, and each other. Mrs. William Horne was in charge of refreshments. It was deemed a great success by those who attended.

Pastor-elect Lynn Brown had been with his new flock for the month of September, just one short month. Being new to Raleigh and to the congregation, without a manse, a car, an office, and also without a wife, you would possibly consider him to have handicaps to begin such a task. However, White Memorial's pastor was in contact each day with scores of church members, aiding, advising, and recommending in all the efforts to get the church functioning. He visited and met with members day and night and occupied the pulpit of several local Presbyterian churches as a guest preacher. His drive, enthusiasm, and leadership really helped pull this entire church community together as it neared its day of worship — Sunday, October 6, 1946.

Church property at Oberlin Road and McDonald Lane

PART II

The Formative Years: 1946-1966

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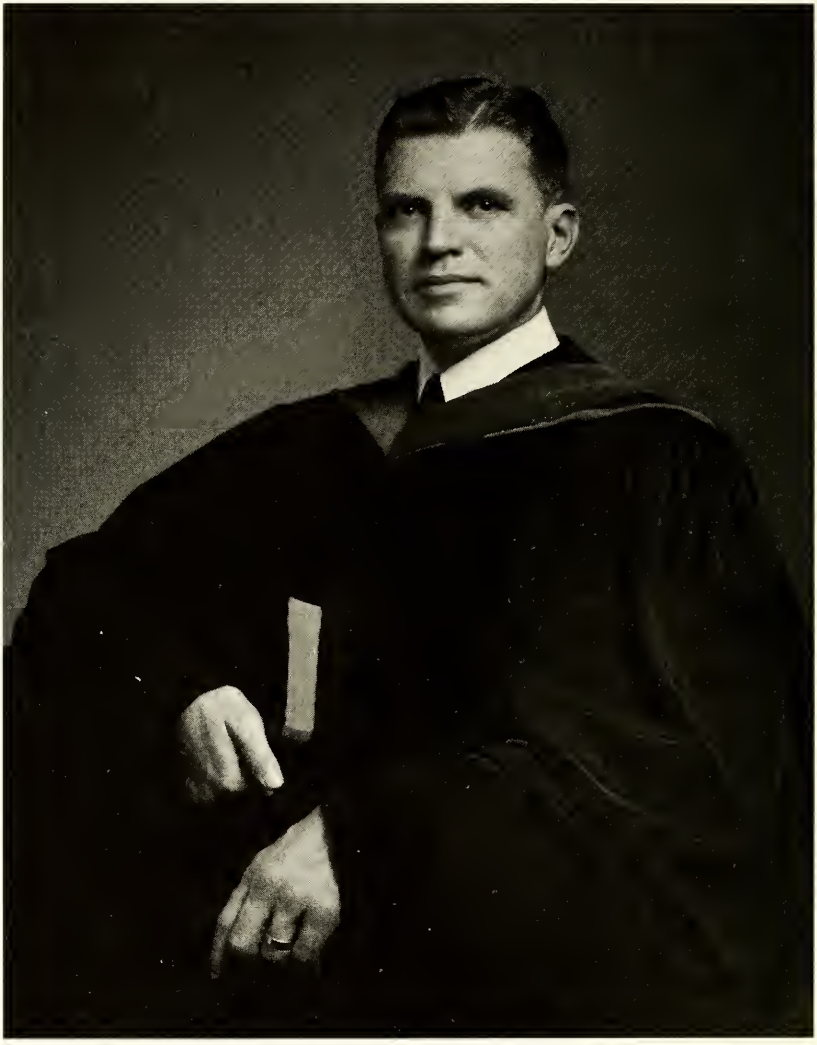
Lynn Brown, The First Pastor

Charles Lynnwood Brown was born in Concord, N.C., a son of Charles Walton Brown and Edna Rae Stewart Brown. He received his B.A. from Davidson College in 1937 and earned his Bachelor's of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in 1940. Lynn was awarded the Moses D. Hoge Fellowship for further study, which he completed at Union and was awarded a Master's of Theology in 1941. For a year he was Presbyterian chaplin to the students at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. In September of that year, he was ordained by the Knoxville Presbytery. From 1942 to 1946, Lynn served with distinction as a chaplin in the United States Army's 517th and 504 Parachute Infantry Regiments in the Mediterranean and European theaters. He rose to the rank of major and was awarded the Bronze Star with Arrowhead, the Purple Heart, five battle stars, various unit citations, and the Belgium Croix de Guerre. This was the man called by 259 enthusiastic charter members to lead White Memorial Presbyterian Church through their formative years.

The new pastor-elect arrived on Labor Day, September 2, with his valise and the energy to lead this new church. He found a willing group of people, a building lot, and a building fund, which had grown to $47,622.18. With his leadership the new church began a life and service of its own.

Charles Lynnwood Brown was duly installed as the first minister of White Memorial on December 15, 1946. The very impressive service was conducted by the Reverend E. J. Agsten of West Raleigh Presbyterian Church; Dr. Ben Lacy Jr. of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; and the Reverend M. O. Sommers of First Presbyterian Church.

Lynn Brown survived his first 19 months at White Memorial as a bachelor. The last time Lynn stood on the pulpit as a bachelor, he good-naturedly admitted his nervousness as he announced his forthcoming marriage, although as he said it, it had been common knowledge for several months. The children's choir was so thrilled over the announcement, that they applauded — something just not done in church in those days.



Lynn Brown

Lynn Brown's Installation

Raleigh was in the full flower of spring as Lynn Brown journeyed to Winnetka, Ill., and on April 29, 1948, married Rowena Kirby-Smith Coleman. Kirby, as she became known to members and friends, was the daughter of Mrs. William Ogden Coleman and the late Mr. Coleman and a great-granddaughter of Gen. Edmund Kirby-Smith of confederate war fame. In mid May, Lynn and his vivacious young wife began housekeeping at the duplex on Arlington Street.

The Women's Auxiliary arranged a colorful and delightful reception in honor of the bride at the Women's Club of Raleigh. Young women of the "Pioneers" served the large attendance. One of the main features was the uninhibited singing of old songs around the piano, at which Lynn Brown was an accomplished player. Here they continued the friendly custom Lynn had begun when he settled in the first manse of entertaining the congregation regularly at Tuesday night open houses and informal get togethers for new members. The Browns' gracious entertaining helped to build the friendly atmosphere that pervades White Memorial. The Browns became the proud parents of three children, George Franklin Stuart, Juliana Randolph, and Charles Lynnwood Jr.

The summer of 1949 Lynn and Kirby traveled extensively through Europe, and Lynn studied at the Faculte de Theologie, Universite de Montpellier (France). He was appointed one of four American ministers to study at the Ecumenical Institute of World Council of Churches, Chateau de Bossey, Celigny (Switzerland). In recognition of 15 years of service at White Memorial, the Browns visited the Holy Land in the summer of 1961.

Lynn Brown was most active in all the courts of the Presbyterian organization; Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly. A high honor was accorded when the moderator of the General Assembly appointed Lynn as a "member of the Committee of 25," made up of 25 leaders to study and develop a long range plan for the Presbyterian Church (US). Annually, Lynn preached at the Asheville, North Carolina School for Boys, and in July 1961, participated in the dedication of the YMCA Camp Seafarer. He was invited to Washington, D.C. to open the meeting of the Senate in 1959. The next year Lynn was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from his alma mater, Davidson College, and continued to serve faithfully as a trustee of the college. Union Seminary also benefitted from the contributions of Lynn Brown, both as an industrious local representative, Synod chair of Higher Education, and as an active scholar in the work of the seminary. The initial *"Healing Service"* in the Presbyterian Book of Church Order was written by Lynn during one of his General Assembly assignments.

Lynn Brown ministered the church very well, and in recognition of this service and his contributions as he entered his 20th year at White Memorial, he was granted a one-year sabbatical. Early in December 1965, the Browns sailed on the Italian flagship, Michaelangelo. Friends joined in a *"bon voyage"* celebration at Pier 90 on the west side of Manhattan, N.Y. After arriving in Europe, the Browns settled in a Geneva, Switzerland cottage graced with a lovely garden. Writing to the congregation from Geneva on February 22, 1966, Charles Lynnwood Brown offered his resignation as pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. Meeting on March 13, 1966, the congregation concurred with the request of

Reverend Brown and adopted this resolution delivered by Elder James K. Dorsett Jr.:

BE IT RESOLVED by the congregation of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in meeting assembled on March 13, 1966:

That in accepting the resignation of Dr. Charles Lynnwood Brown as pastor of this church, this congregation desires to express and record its gratitude for the devoted and outstanding ministry of Dr. Brown to this church.

That the leadership and inspiration of Dr. Lynn Brown served to develop this church from a small beginning into a strong and effective church.

That during his long ministry in this church, Dr. Brown gave unsparingly of his talents as a preacher, a teacher, and a pastor.

That Dr. Lynn Brown has been a recognized leader in the affairs of Granville Presbytery, the Synod of North Carolina, and the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

That Dr. Lynn Brown has served with skill and distinction as a leader in many civic causes and organizations of the city of Raleigh and state of North Carolina.

That this congregation expresses its hope that Dr. Brown's future ministry will be a spiritual fulfillment for him and an enrichment for the church.

That the members of this church do assure Dr. Brown, his wife, and his children that they have and will continue to have the affection, prayers, and best wishes of this congregation, and we do ask God's blessings upon them.

*Mr. Dorsett's motion was duly seconded, and the proposed resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the congregation.**

White Memorial's 1971 silver anniversary was honored by the return of Lynn Brown who preached the quarter century celebration sermon.

White Memorial's leader is gone; the *"Formative Years"* close; his legacy remains as the foundation for the succeeding era upon which to develop. Now let us review the two decades of accomplishments of this leader.

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Colony Theatre and Hayes Barton School

Excitement was in the air on Sunday, October 6, 1946, as White Memorial began its very own services. The first Sunday School session was held at 9:45 a.m. under the direction of officers Karl Hudson Sr. and *"Mr. Billy"* Horne and a dedicated staff of teachers.

Everyone met together for a preliminary worship service, after which each group went to their own rooms for the lesson. The men's class had not yet organized, so James Burch was appointed acting chair, and Sam Leonard taught the men's class on the first day. Naturally, there was confusion and some delays in sorting out the many classes, but patience prevailed with marked enthusiasm. The record shows that the 151 attendees generously contributed $34.84 to the first Sunday School offering.

The first worship service began at 11:00 a.m. in White Memorial's temporary sanctuary - Colony Theatre. Pastor Lynn Brown preached on *"Being Churchman in a Secular World"* to a congregation of about 250.

An abridged copy of this worship service follows:

White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, North Carolina

THE CHURCH AND THE SACRAMENTS

We believe in the Holy Catholic Church of which Christ is the only Head. We believe that the Church Invisible consists of all the redeemed, and that the Church Visible embraces all who profess the true religion together with their children. We receive to our communion all who confess and obey Christ as their divine Lord and Saviour, and we hold fellowship with all believers in Him.

We receive the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, alone divinely established and committed to the Church, together with the Word, as means of grace; made effectual only by the Holy Spirit, and always to be used by Christians with prayer and praise to God.

Article XIV,
Brief Statement of
Presbyterian Faith

Sunday, October 6, 1946

MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00 O'CLOCK

ORGAN PRELUDE - "Romance"..... *Rubinstein*

INVOCATION (Congregation will rise)

THE DOXOLOGY

THE PSALTER - Psalm 90, Page 314, Selection 369

*HYMN - "Holy, Holy, Holy"..... *No. 1*

THE LESSON - Hebrews 10: 38 - 11: 1-10

THE APOSTLES' CREED (to be said by all, standing)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting....Amen

RESPONSE - (to be sung by all)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end....Amen

PRAYERS

THE OFFERTORY - "Sonnet" ..... *Granados*

*HYMN - "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"..... *No. 206*

SERMON ..... By the Pastor

TEXT - "He looked for a city, which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Hebrews 11: 10

*HYMN - "The Church's One Foundation" ..... *No. 228*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE - "Arioso"..... *Handel*

*The hymns are to be sung standing, without announcement by the minister.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

9:45 A. M. Church School
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship
6:00 P. M. Senior Young People, at the Manse, 1537 Caswell Drive

THE SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE...

....will meet Sunday evening, October 6th, in the Manse, 1537 Caswell Drive. This is the first of a Sunday Evening Service in which our pastor will meet with the young people. Mrs. Thomas Chapman is the Adult Advisor for this group.

A NURSERY DURING THE CHURCH HOUR...

....will be held in the Hayes Barton School.

THE SESSION AND CONGREGATION...

....have gratefully received and humbly accepted the gift of a Pulpit Bible given by Mrs. James W. Denmark to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. Florence MacLaughlin Bush.

THE PASTOR WILL BE IN HIS STUDY...

....every morning from 10 to 12 to receive anyone who wishes to see him, or any other time by appointment. The Church Office and Manse are located at 1537 Caswell Drive, Telephone 3-4011.

THE USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER...

....are - Henry Hartzog, Jr., Arthur Brown, R. H. Allred, Dan Holler

MEMORY HYMN FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The Tenth Anniversary Booklet adds:

> *It is with interest that we look back upon those first services and marvel at the quiet and prayerful atmosphere that prevailed within the theater. This was due largely to the dignified form of church service being conducted by Mr. Brown. For those members of the congregation who at that time felt that the church service was perhaps more ritualistic and formal than necessary, it has become the standard by which all other church services are measured. The simple dignity and grace of the service being conducted in an ordinary movie theater inspired a feeling of worship to which everyone responded and even then, the friendliness and enthusiasm of both the minister and the congregation impressed the constantly increasing number of visitors in our church.*

Rounding out this *"red letter"* day, the *"Pioneers,"* 17 junior high youth, met at the home of Mrs. George Johnson, and the 13 seniors met at the manse on Caswell Street with Pastor Brown and Senior Advisor, Mrs. Thomas Chapman. For the benefit of historical records, these young people took part in the evening activities:

Attendance at the Senior Young People's Vesper Service
October 6, 1946

Young People	**Parent(s)**
John Hellen Anderson	Mr. and Mrs. A. Vance Anderson
Robert William Caudle	Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald R. Caudle
Frank Daniels Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Daniels
Patricia Ann Fredriksen	Mrs. Louis Watters Payne
Cora Jane Lilly	Mrs. John S. Lilly
William Neal Lilly	Mrs. John S. Lilly
Hunter McG. Woodall Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. Hunter McG. Woodall
Sarah Frances McG. Woodall	Mr. and Mrs. Hunter McG. Woodall
Sarah Martha Newton	Mr. and Mrs. Adrian J. Newton
Nora Emilyne Ritchie	Mr. and Mrs. Crowell P. Ritchie
Harold Bagley Rhodes	Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Rhodes
Richard Llewellyn Sommers	Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Sommers
Charles Robert Terry	Mr. and Mrs. F. Lee Terry

Attendance at the Pioneer Vespers
October 6, 1946

Young People	Parent(s)
Robert Alan Briggaman	Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Briggaman
Margaret Carrington Burch	Mr. and Mrs. James S. Burch
Virginia Calhoun Clayton	Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Clayton
Edward Harrison Cothran	Mrs. Edward Cothran
Patricia Bagley Daniels	Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Daniels
Robert M. Finley Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Finley
Dolores Ann Hartzog	Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Hartzog Jr.
Virginia Elizabeth Hudson	Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hudson Jr.
Jimmy Jensen	Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jensen
Jean Ann Johnson	Mr. and Mrs. George D. Johnson
John Lyman Kiser Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. John Lyman Kiser
Bettie Lea	Mr. and Mrs Sam Lea
Richard Vance Rhodes	Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Rhodes
Jane Savage	Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Savage Jr.
Martha Caroline Snow	Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Snow
Ann Elizabeth Warner	Mrs. Elijah F. Warner
Helen Elleda Willard	Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Willard

The following Sunday, October 13, 1946, is very worthy of mentioning because it was White Memorial's first communion service. Since White Memorial did not yet possess a communion service, First Church graciously lent their silver service for this occasion. Miss Sallie McPheeters set up the communion silver. It included three pieces that on January 21, 1816, had been given to First Church by her ancestor, the Reverend William McPheeters, D.D., the first pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. This silver service had been continuously used in First Church for more than 130 years. Several elders from First Church continued their tradition of helpfulness to their newest "child" and assisted in serving the Lord's Supper to the congregation of about 240 members.

Worship services continued in the theater until the sanctuary was dedicated in February 1952. There are many fond memories of the worshipers in this unique place:

- John Anderson recalls the committee of which he was a member that was responsible for setting up or "converting" the theater into a place of worship. Also the committee was responsible for dismantling the platform and removing the pulpit and other accruements and returning the place to a theater again. Each and every Sunday the process was repeated.
- Mac Boxley's pleasant memory was that the popcorn machine always had popcorn remaining on Sunday morning that he and the other youth disposed of in short order. (It is possible that the disappearance of the popcorn caused such a theater deficit that in March 1947, the rent-free status ended and White

Memorial agreed to a $7.50 per week rental.)

- As a teenager Patsy Daniels Woronoff remembers not only the comfortable seats in the Colony Theatre, but also that we had an "air-conditioned" church. (This played a key part in the total design of the sanctuary.) *"We were only 100 families, and we all knew each other. Those years were busy and happy ones for our new church."*
- It's recorded that on February 1, 1948, Raleigh residents awoke to a white wonderland — nine inches of fresh, white snow. About 20 hearty members plowed through the snow, mostly on foot, and the church continued its worship service. Lynn Brown was there as organist (he was an accomplished pianist), led the singing, preached the sermon, and in short conducted the entire worship service!
- Harriet Holler (Barker) recalls that the theater seats were most comfortable and therefore made short naps a temptation. Betty Caudle (at 98 years young, of keen mind, and still attends circle) remembers this vignette: *"A prospective member fell asleep on the back row of the theater during the Sunday service and was snoring. One of our teenagers reached under his chair and pulled the pant's leg of our sleepy friend, who rose and left, never to return."*
- Harriet also remembers the panic of the March 9, 1947 service when Lynn Brown discovered that the offering plates were not in their usual place. The offering ceremony had proceeded to the point that the plates were needed, so Lynn asked Dan Holler to look for them behind the curtain on the theater stage. While the would-be offering team waited and the congregation watched, Dan walked back and forth behind the curtain — his feet in full view. He opened one door, hoping for a closet, only to discover the great outdoors! The offering plates were finally located, and a humorous memory was created.
- Clara Horne, a dedicated and faithful member, prepared the communion trays for all of the communion services held in the Colony Theatre. Once, she overlooked filling the last tray. The elders just partook from empty glasses. However, dear Clara was crushed and wept bitterly at home!
- *"When we worshiped in the Colony Theatre and our minister, Lynn Brown stepped behind the pulpit, we felt a holy reverence. Many times I have told him that he showed us what God is like."* ***Grace Cox***
- Catherine Chapman Babin says she *"really got a kick out of going to church at a movie theater."*

Hayes Barton School was more to White Memorial than a Sunday School; it was the focal point of many years of fellowship activities, practices, meetings, vesper services (both Sunday and midweek), and dinners. Most of the children lived in the area and attended Hayes Barton School, so it was like a second home to them on the weekends. Miss Kirkpatrick was school principal and both she and her sister became members of the White Memorial family.

One of the first non-Sunday School activities at Hayes Barton was the Family Night held in the school cafeteria. A family-oriented Christmas service was attended by well over 200 people who were entertained by *"Mr. Billy"* Horne's ventriloquism.

Each bought a *"White Christmas"* gift to be given to the poor. Many anecdotes survived this *"Formative"* period at Hayes Barton School:

- Mary Minter vividly tells of the first Family Night Supper:

  "This was held in the Myrtle Underwood School cafeteria. Mary Burch and Florence Denmark (Burch) and I cleaned, decorated, fried chicken the old-fashioned way, baked biscuits from scratch, cooked beans, of course, and prepared dessert. No frozen broccoli back then! A large group came. Before they arrived, I looked and Mary Burch was stretched out on a vacant table laughing and groaning and saying, 'Call somebody, anybody to come and massage my feet!'"

- Sometimes dedication to be helpful went to extremes: Harriet Holler (Barker) thinks back to . . .

  " . . . our first Christmas in White Memorial, we planned a Sunday evening vesper service to be led by our youth group in the Myrtle Underwood auditorium. Our decorations were to be homemade candles, made by melting old candles, collected by our youth and poured into used milk cartons. I was happily making these candles in our kitchen, when the telephone rang. When I returned, the candle wax and kitchen curtains were flaming. Dan helped me extinguish the fire and later repainted the kitchen! However, our Sunday vespers were festive with candles and greenery!"

- Elizabeth Kiser Holland, while off at school, was informed by her mother and father that they were helping form a new church, and that their memberships were being moved from First Church.

  "I was sad and glad — sad to be leaving so many friends and the Sommers family at First Church, but was trying to be glad that I would be a charter member of a new church . . . I learned that Sunday School would be in Hayes Barton School (now Myrtle Underwood) and 'Mr. Karl' (Hudson Sr.) would be greeting us at the door as always. Josephine Snow (Farnandez) and I helped in the nursery - preschool group in Sunday School. "

- Catherine Chapman Babin writes,

  "My mother, Mrs. Thomas Chapman (Anne), was a church school teacher for a number of years and then became acting director of Christian Education. When I was in college, I would help my mother in the summer teach her first grade class. That experience carried over to my present church, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian (Baton Rouge, La) where I have enjoyed teaching church school."

✝ Jane Savage McLean reminisces that . . .

". . . all my memories of White Memorial were very happy ones. My young years were spent there — especially in youth groups during high school. White Memorial was such an important part of my 'young life.'"

In retrospect, the fledgling church, its members, adults, youth, and children formed a bonded fellowship as they began their church life in very different facilities. This relationship grew stronger with the years, witnessed by their strong faith, long-lasting programs, and a growth in spirituality and membership. True to their commitment, the officers and congregation erected to the glory of God their first building, the Church House. It became the home of White Memorial's Sunday School on April 24, 1949, when a record 315 attended the first Sunday School in the new building.

Lynn Brown and the Colony Theatre Church

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Land, Bricks, and Mortar

As White Memorial started its services, it was the owner of the unimproved property at the intersection of Oberlin Road and McDonald Lane. The Crittenden home at 1537 Caswell Street had been leased as a temporary manse and office combined. Church services were held in the rented Colony Theatre with Sunday School meeting at the Hayes Barton School. Very early, before the organization of the church, the board of directors had set a building fund goal, a committee to manage the planning of White Memorial's buildings, and employed Mr. Conover, a Presbyterian consulting architect. Board intentions were to first build a Sunday School building and chapel of a permanent-type construction, so designed as to permit expansion into a church unit, including an auditorium (sanctuary). Church officers very wisely progressed slowly on attempts to begin construction.

During this period, there was a decided shortage of building materials, and construction demands had pushed costs to abnormal heights. Also, for more than a year, the Building Committee had been active in carefully planning for the overall layout and structures to be built. Members of the committee inspected churches all over the eastern United States, including visits to Canada. The type of architecture had been determined, and general building arrangements had been decided. Graham Connell, chair of the Building Committee, presented to the Session on January 12, 1947, sketches and rough plans for the proposed chapel and recreation building as the first unit of the complete church plant. It was expected to cost $126,000 without furnishings.

The Building Committee, with the Session's approval, signed a contract with

architect Courtney Welton of Richmond, Va., to develop plans. The drawings had been revised several times based upon constant study and reevaluation of the probable size and nature of the congregation. A plan was developed for the first unit to include the Sunday School, offices, meeting rooms, a chapel, and a central heating unit. The second unit to be built would be the church auditorium or sanctuary.

White Memorial's congregation on Sunday, April 27, 1947, with approximately $55,000 in its building fund, approved the plans to proceed with the building of the Church House Educational Building at a cost of $126,943.70, when conditions were favorable and funds available. A building fund campaign for $75,000 was initiated with the request that pledges be paid not later than February 1, 1949.

A crisis arose in May 1947, when the church learned that the combined manse and offices in the Crittenden home would no longer be available due to the return of the Crittenden family from Washington. Space of all kinds was in very short supply, and the Session and Diaconate adopted this resolution at its May 21, 1947 joint meeting:

> *"Authorizing the recommendation to officers of the church to construct a church office building on the church lot, per sketch exhibited by Chairman Connell, dated May 21, 1947, to cost approximately $3,000 to be built by James H. Davidson, contractor, and to purchase necessary equipment to furnish the church office; and to employ the surplus of $1,000 in the general fund, arising and on hand at the year-end, March 31, 1947, and to borrow the remaining construction costs from the building fund to be replaced by utilizing the sum of $70 monthly from current funds allocated to rental of and for an office for purpose of financing the cost of construction."*

The joint meeting also charged the Building Committee to continue its efforts to locate suitable accommodations for Pastor Lynn Brown.

Less than 30 days later, White Memorial's first building on the church lot facing Oberlin Road opened its doors. It was a *"little wood building,"* having but two rooms where Pastor Lynn Brown and church secretary Nell Hay conducted the rapidly increasing business of the church. Some men of the church cleared, graded, and seeded the area around the wood building, and it *"began to look like home."* Elders, deacons, and church committees used this little office building as a meeting place.

The congregation's charge to the officers to proceed *"when conditions were favorable and funds available"* was fulfilled at a joint meeting of the Session and Diaconate on June 21, 1948. They instructed the Building Committee to proceed as soon as possible with the construction of the basement and of the center section and east wing through the roof, leaving the partitioning of the first and second floors for later construction. The corners were staked off by builder James A. Davidson, engineer James S. Burch, and Sunday School Superintendent Karl Hudson Sr. Following the morning service on July 11, 1948, some 200 people attended the breaking ground ceremony on the church property at Oberlin Road. The three

grandsons of Dr. White, Karl Hudson Jr., Sydnor White, and Lorentz White Jr., participated in the ceremony, each breaking the first spade of ground for the new building. Three days later actual construction of the Church House began.

When the Church House was used for the first time on April 24, 1949, there was a record 315 people attending the church school session. That afternoon 500 people attended the open house of the new church building. White Memorial members were a very proud congregation on that day! Now the church had something tangible to show because of prayerful planning, organizing, hard work, and the commitment of everyone.

As an indicator of the shortage of space in Raleigh and also a barometer of its growth, the Raleigh School Board requested use of two double rooms on the second floor of the Church House. A new grade school, Sherwood-Bates, was being built on Oberlin Road, and White Memorial agreed to house the first and second graders for several weeks of the 1950 fall term, which ultimately extended into 1951.

McDonald Lane was just that - a gravel pathway from Oberlin Road toward Colonial Road. Plans were developed to first lay out an off-street parking strip along the west side of McDonald Lane and later to pave the entire "street."

A meeting of the congregation was held for the first time in the new Church House on Sunday afternoon, October 16, 1949. Graham Connell, chair of the Building Committee reported that it had been necessary to borrow a small amount of money to pay the final bills on the Church House, but that the unpaid pledges would be sufficient to write off the debt. He stated that the Building Committee felt that it would be unwise to attempt to build the chapel until some later date. He presented the recommendation of the Building Committee, Session, and Diaconate, which called for plans to raise $65,000, payable not later than February 1, 1951, so construction of a sanctuary, seating approximately 600 people at an estimated cost of $140,000, might be started at an early date. The Finance Committee chair reported that $27,000 had already been subscribed and recommended a campaign to raise the balance of $38,000. White Memorial's congregation approved both recommendations, therefore, moving forward on its long-awaited sanctuary. Such was the desire to have a sanctuary that one month later, the moderator of the Session reported that $70,336 had been subscribed, exceeding the $65,000 goal.

It was on August 27, 1950, that White Memorial's congregation took a giant leap of faith and approved the construction and financing of the sanctuary. The total cost was estimated at $225,000, including the architect's fee and furnishings to seat 600 worshipers. Two additional items were also included in the estimate, both of which generated considerable discussion among the officers: 1) $24,000 for an air-conditioning system and 2) $13,500 for the sanctuary steeple. We today can thank these officers for their foresight in approving both of these. The congregation authorized the officers to negotiate a loan not to exceed $150,000.

Actual construction of the sanctuary began about mid October in 1950. The necessary financing for building loans and a long-term mortgage were in place. At this time the Korean conflict was starting, so the Building Committee and contractor wanted to make certain that building materials were available to begin fullscale construction.

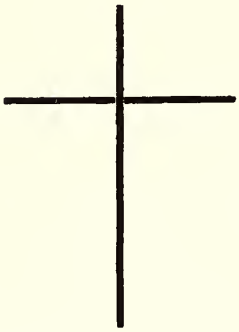
By March 1, 1951, sanctuary steel had been erected, the concrete floor poured, windows set, and the Flemish Bond brickwork was from four to 10 feet above ground level. A most memorable day for the many sidewalk superintendents was when the steeple and spire went up on the church. The word spread rapidly by person and telephone that the steeple was going up; traffic on Oberlin Road and McDonald Lane increased to the point of a minor traffic jam. Dreams were being fulfilled. It was an impressive moment as the huge crane, moving ever so slowly and carefully, transferred the steeple from the ground to its position on top of the sanctuary. It was hoped that the sanctuary would be ready for the Thanksgiving Day 1951 services. However, this did not turn out because of unexpected delays on the delivery of pews.

Throughout this time, the Building Committee was very busy with planning decisions on the interior decorations, landscaping, and parking around the sanctuary. A new organ with echo boxes was installed in January 1952, and the pews finally arrived in late January. The work of assembling and installing them was tedious, and extra attention to the many details was necessary to make certain that all would be ready for February 10, 1952, Consecration Day of White Memorial's sanctuary.

Expecting an overflow congregation on this first Sunday in the new sanctuary, plans were made to reserve pews for members until 10:45 a.m. (700 members and 600 seats), and then open the seating to representatives from other Presbyterian churches and visitors. Of course the sanctuary was packed, and many members delayed in Sunday School had to stand in the narthex and on the porch. It was a bright and cool day as the procession at 11:00 a.m. was led by the Reverend Charles Brown, the Reverend James C. Wool (Executive Secretary of Granville Presbytery), the Reverend C. M. Gibbs (Moderator of Synod), and the Reverend Harold J. Dudley (Executive Secretary of Synod). Following in procession was the choir, elders, deacons, and representatives from other churches, all singing *"The Church's One Foundation."*

An abridged copy of the program for both the morning and vesper services follows:

White Memorial Presbyterian Church



Sunday, February 10, 1952

The Service of Consecration and Vespers

"How lovely are Thy dwelling places, O Lord of hosts."—Psalm 84

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN:

Thy Will, Dear Lord, Is Always Done ..... Pachelbel
Sortie ..... Wedeman
Meditation ..... Lucas
Magnificat ..... Claussmann
Prayer ..... Lemaigre

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 333—"The Church's One Foundation" ..... Aurelia

THE INVOCATION

Ministers and Congregation: **O Lord, open Thou our lips,**
Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Ministers and Congregation: **O Lord, open Thou our eyes,**
Choir: That we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.
Ministers and Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**
Choir: And with thy spirit.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION and
THE LORD'S PRAYER ..... The Reverend Mr. C. M. Gibbs, D.D.
Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina

THE DOXOLOGY ..... Louis Bourgeois

THE PSALTER ..... Selection 8, Psalm 24

HYMN NO. 474—"Founded on Thee, Our Only Lord" ..... Mendon

THE LITANY OF CONSECRATION ..... The Reverend Mr. Harold J. Dudley, D.D.
Executive Secretary of the Synod of North Carolina

ADORATION

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Congregation: **Give unto the Lord, O ye his people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.**

Minister: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Congregation: **Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.**

THANKSGIVING

Minister: For Thy Providence over us which has led us in all our ways and has appointed to us this holy day;

Congregation: **Accept our thanks, O God.**

Minister: For the gift of Thy Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, for His redeeming work in our lives and for His Gospel;

Congregation: **Accept our thanks, O God.**

Minister: For Thine Invisible Church, One throughout the ages, and for the faith by which we enter into that holy Communion;

Congregation: **Accept our thanks, O God.**

Minister: For all those who in ages past have kept the faith and especially for those by whose ministry we have come to know Thee;

Congregation: **Accept our thanks, O God.**

Minister: For those who by their prayers and offerings have builded this church, for the architects and builders, for all who have labored to erect this House;

Congregation: **Accept our thanks, O God.**

CONSECRATION

Minister: For the preaching of the Gospel, and for the ministration of the Sacraments; for the edifying of Thy people and for the sake of Thy Kingdom; for the worship which belongs to Thee;

Congregation: **We consecrate this Sanctuary, its Memorials and all its accompanying Ground and Buildings.**

Minister: God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Congregation: **To Thee we consecrate this Sanctuary, its Memorials and all its accompanying Ground and Buildings.**

Minister: Son of God, Only Head of the Church and Author of our Salvation,

Congregation: **To Thee we consecrate this Sanctuary, its Memorials and all its accompanying Ground and Buildings.**

Minister: God the Holy Spirit, Comforter and Teacher, Lord and Giver of Life,

Congregation: **To Thee we consecrate this Sanctuary, its Memorials and all its accompanying Ground and Buildings. Amen.**

THE GRADUAL

Built on a Rock, the Church doth stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land,
Bells still are chiming and calling;
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.
Bells are chiming, calling.

Surely in temple made with hands,
God, the most high, is not dwelling.
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling;
Yet He whom heavens can not contain,
Chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.

—F. Melius Christiansen

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: St. Matthew 16:13-19

The Reverend Mr. James C. Wool, D.D.
Executive Secretary of Granville Presbytery

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; which was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE OFFERING

The announcements and welcome of guests.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;
Thou only art mighty, Lord God of hosts;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory,
Glory be to Thee! Lord, God Almighty;
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Thou only art mighty, Lord God of hosts. Amen.

—Noble Cain

HYMN NO. 97—"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" ..... Evan

THE SERMON—"The Balance of Life" ..... Mr. Brown

Text: Psalm 96:6—"Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary."

RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 365—"Onward, Christian Soldiers" ..... St. Gertrude

THE BENEDICTION AND SEVENFOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE ..... Stearn

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Our Procession today consists of the choir; the Pastor, and the minister representatives of Granville Presbytery and the Synod of North Carolina; the Session and Diaconate of our Church; the Elders representing officially the seven Presbyterian Churches of Raleigh and vicinity; and a lay representative from the following Churches who are our neighbors: The Hayes Barton Methodist, St. Michael's Episcopal, Hayes Barton Baptist and the St. John's Baptist. We welcome to this epochal service in our Church's life these guests, assuring them of our devotion to our Lord's work and of our affection for our brothers in Christ.

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On February 11th through 15th the Church will be open daily from nine to five o'clock. A member of our congregation will be present from eleven to twelve each morning and from three-thirty to five in the afternoons to show visitors the Church.

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given for the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, by Mrs. Charles Henry Stephenson.

I am the Light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—John 8:12

THE VESPER SERVICE

Five O'clock

ORGAN: "Prayer" ..... Niedermeyer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 57—"Holy, Holy, Holy" ..... Nicaea

INVOCATION:

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise God in His Sanctuary.**

Minister: Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Congregation: **Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.**

Minister: Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise ye the Lord.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Fugue: To God On High Alone Be Honor ..... Johann Pachelbel

The great composer for the organ is Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach was professionally influenced by Johann Pachelbel who wrote extensively for the German Lutheran Church. This Fugue is a fine example of the devotional quality of his work.

Choral: "Herzlich Thut Mich Verlangen" ..... Johann Sebastian Bach

This familiar choral is a masterful harmonization of a family of German hymn tunes. The words reflect the passionate longing of the soul for union with Christ.

Mr. Cole

Now woods and fields are sleeping,
And darkness fast is creeping
O'er meadow, hearth, and hall;
But thou, my soul, ere slumber,
For blessings passing number
Exalt the Giver of them all.

You also, O my dearest,
My friends and kindred nearest,
God rest you safe from harm!
His angel hosts attend you,
Their golden shields defend you
From nightly danger and alarm.

—Johann Sebastian Bach

Make a joyful sound to the Lord;
Serve the Lord with gladness,
Come before His presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord, He is good!
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
For we are His people and the sheep of His pasture!
Come into His gates with thanksgiving
And to His courts with praise;
Oh, praise ye the Lord, for He is great!
For His mercy is everlasting
And His Truth endureth to all generations.
Make a joyful sound to the Lord.

—Noble Cain

Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise: that I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long.

—Zingarelli

The Choir

Melody ..... Sergei Rachmaninoff

This Nineteenth Century Russian composer is famed for the imaginative, richly harmonious quality of his compositions. In this melody the rich flowering of devotion upon a simple theme is invited.

Lord Jesus Walking on the Sea ..... Josef Weinberger

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.—Matthew 14:24,25

Mr. Cole

THE OFFERING

Hark! what mean those holy voices, sweetly sounding through the skies? Lo! the angelic host rejoices, Alleluias, heavenly alleluias rise. Listen to the wond'rous story which they chant in hymns of joy. Amen.

—Bortniansky

Be Thou near me, Lord. Be Thou near lest I stray afar from Thee. Oh show me Thy way, and lead me, oh lead me in Thy way of truth. Blessed are they who walketh in the ways of the Lord: For He will give them strength; And the blessings of peace. Be Thou near me, Lord; be Thou near lest I stray afar from Thee. Be Thou near me, Lord.

—Haydn Morgan

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

—Martin Shaw

The Choir

A Monastery Evensong ..... Calver

This modern composer masterfully describes for us the serenity of life filled with meditation and prayer.

Mr. Cole

RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 34—"Softly Now The Light of Day" ..... Seymour

Mr. JOHN FARMER COLE, ORGANIST
THE CHANCEL CHOIR
Mr. Martin Ledoux, Director

THE CHOIR

SOPRANOS: Miss Anna Applewhite, Miss Betty Brown, Miss Katharine Monroe, Miss Kay Moore, Mrs. Walter J. Peterson, Mrs. Marvin Speck, Mrs. Graham Stevens, Mrs. Frederick Warren.

ALTOS: Mrs. Clarence M. Asbill, Jr., Mrs. Martin Ledoux, Mrs. Thomas G. Lumpkin, Miss Martha Morrow, Miss Pat Roberts, Miss Leslie Syron, Miss Minnie Tippins.

TENORS: Horace E. Hamilton, Stephen Norton, Marvin Speck.

BASSES: Vic E. Fisher, A. Pierson Hassell, Jr., Thomas G. Lumpkin, Russell Twing, Robert Yowell.

"Thy will was in the builder's thought
Thy hand unseen amid us wrought."

Our congregation today wishes to do honor to our Building Committee who during the life of our Church has served so devotedly. No words can express our gratitude and the gratitude of generations yet to come for the service in planning and equipping our beautiful sanctuary. And let us remember too, all the members of our congregation who by their prayers, their gifts and suggestions have assisted so well and generously whenever called upon. This Church has been made possible by the cooperation and combining efforts of the entire congregation.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Graham M. Connell, Chairman
Mrs. James S. Burch
Fitzgerald R. Caudle
Thomas G. Chapman
Frank A. Daniels
Jesse V. Davis
Mrs. Henry G. Hartzog, Jr.
Karl G. Hudson, Sr.
William J. Hudson, Jr.
Mrs. Charles M. Johnson
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James D. Kilgore
John C. Sibley
Raymond A. Snow
F. Lee Terry
Frank E. Thompson
The Reverend Charles Lynn Brown, Minister, Ex Officio
Courtenay S. Welton, Architect
James A. Davidson, Builder

A bronze plaque upon which will be recorded the erection of this Church together with the names of those composing the Building Committee will be placed in the colonnade which joins the Church to the Church House.

This Committee has guided us in the erection of the Church House and of the beautiful Church which we consecrate today. Both were designed by the late Courtenay S. Welton of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Welton was an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of that city. Mr. James A. Davidson, an Elder in our own congregation and a member of the firm of Davidson and Jones, has been the builder. The Building Committee was assisted in the color and fittings of the interior by Miss Anna Riddick of Riddick Interiors. The pew and chancel furniture was made by the Southern Desk Company of Hickory, North Carolina and is of American birch. The landscape of the grounds has been designed by Mr. George Gillette of Richmond, Virginia and the planting has been done by the Apex Nurseries.

The Church is of a stately Georgian design, so harmonious with Presbyterian worship and Southern tradition. Many lovely gifts and memorials contribute to the beauty and significance of the interior. The congregation in receiving and consecrating these gifts and memorials are grateful for the spirit and generosity which prompted them.

"My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me"—Lamentations 3:20

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

The Pulpit Bible was presented October 6, 1946 in memory of Florence MacLaughlin Bush by her daughter, Mrs. James W. Denmark.

The Bible Marker was given by Mr. and Mrs. James S. Burch, Jr. and the Misses Margaret and Cornelia Burch, on May 18, 1947.

The Vase for flowers was presented April 4, 1948 in memory of Violet Rhodes Wright by her daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Williams.

The Communion Service was presented October 5, 1947 in memory of Addie Worth Bagley Daniels by her husband, the late Josephus Daniels. This lovely memorial was made in Mexico by silver craftsmen after a pattern chosen by Mrs. Daniels for a Communion Service given by her previously to a church in memory of her mother.

A Pair of antique brass Candlesticks of baroque design were presented for the worship of the Church by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniels. They will become now our Eucharist Candlesticks.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS PRESENTED UPON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF OUR NEW CHURCH

The Baptismal Font, a marble shell attached to the pillar at the Lectern side of the Sanctuary, is given in memory of Lee McArthur Holler by Mr. and Donald S. Kimrey and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Forney Holler.

The Communion Table is given in memory of Robert W. Dunn by Mrs. Robert W. Dunn together with her children. The Communion Table which symbolizes our participation in the life and death of our Lord, carries in the center of the panel which the congregation faces the Greek monograph "IHS". These letters stand for "Jesus The Son of God" and recall to our minds St. Peter's great confession of faith upon which the whole church rests: "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God". (Matthew 16:16). The monograph is flanked on either side by the Greek letter "Alpha" and "Omega" which recall to us our risen Lord's confession about Himself: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending". (The Revelation 1:8).

The Lectern is given by Mr. and Mrs. William Horne. From this desk the Scripture is read to the congregation and the ordained minister offers pastoral prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for the congregation.

The Pulpit is given in memory of William McClanahan White, D. D. by his daughters and son. Slightly elevated according to Protestant tradition, the pulpit symbolizes the centrality in our worship of the preaching of the Gospel.

The Tester, overhanging the pulpit, is given in memory of David Henry Allen by Mrs. David Henry Allen. This canopy so appropriate to the style of our church's interior serves to modulate the minister's voice and preserve the intimacy so necessary in our Protestant preaching.

The Dossal Cloth is given by the Women of the Church of White Memorial. This handsome cloth is of Italian imported silk. Hanging in the center of the chancel, it centers the attention of the worshippers upon the Communion Table and our relation to our living Lord.

The Chancel Cross is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Farlow.

The Candlesticks and Vases for flowers were given in memory of Charles Henry Stephenson by his wife, Mrs. Charles Henry Stephenson.

The Cross, Candlesticks and Vases are all of similar design and are handsome appointments for our Service of Worship. The Cross symbolizes the sacrificial Passion and Death of our Lord. The Candlesticks with the burning candles symbolize the sacrificial giving of ourselves to be "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). The Vases for flowers holding the bouquet of flowers symbolize our mortality and God's Providence over us. They remind us of our Lord's saying: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matthew 6:28-30).

The Communion Linens are the gift of Mrs. Karl G. Hudson.

The Communion Table Covers and the Frontals for the Pulpit and Lectern have been given in memory of B. W. Kilgore by Mr. and Mrs. James D. Kilgore. The Communion Table Cover will carry the embroidered inscription "IHS" flanked by two Greek crosses. The Lectern Frontal will carry the inscription "XR" which is our confession that Christ is our Redeemer. The Pulpit Frontals will carry the Presbyterian Seal with its intertwining symbolism showing our historical relation to the older branches of Presbyterianism. Due to a delay on the part of the embroiderer, these have not been received as yet.

The Alms Bason is given in memory of Leonard Bruce Peddy by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Peddy.

The Offering Plates are given in memory of H. Cicero Rudd and Frances Cannon Rudd by Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hubbard Allred.

The Alms Bason and Offering Plates as they are used in receiving the alms and offerings of the Congregation are symbolic of our dedication to the service of God and our fellowman.

The Organ and Chimes were given in memory of Charles Henry Stephenson by his family. The Organ is a Hammond electric organ with amplified chimes which are connected also with the tower. It is unusual in its handsome installation being divided between the cancel and echo organs.

The Visitor's Desk was given in memory of James Philander Dodge and Emma Adams Dodge by Mr. and Mrs. James P. Dodge. This desk which stands in the narthex appropriately reminds us of the cordiality we wish to show to guests and visitors.

The Guest Register is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Flye.

The Pastor's Vestry and Study has been furnished in memory of G. B. D. Parker by his wife, Mrs. G. B. D. Parker. The furnishing of this room has not yet been completed.

These gifts and memorials will be marked appropriately by engraving or by memorial plaques in the near future.

The sanctuary was opened for inspection, and about 200 community friends visited on Sunday. During the following week, women of the church hostesses showed many more people the plain and striking beauty of the sanctuary.

Most appropriately on the following Sunday, Dr. Ben Lacy of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., Dr. White's son-in-law and a long-time active friend of White Memorial, was asked to be the first guest minister to preach in our new sanctuary. At the afternoon vesper service, Dr. Lacy gave the worshipers an informal and colorful reminiscence of Dr. White's life.

White Memorial's congregation convened its first meeting in the sanctuary on March 2, 1952, for the purpose of changing the method of electing the officers of the church and to adopt the budget for 1952-53.

Three months before the completion of the sanctuary, Karl Hudson Sr. contributed a tract of land to White Memorial, this parcel fronted on St. Mary's Street, Colonial Road, and McDonald Lane. Again the vision of Karl Hudson was exemplified in this gift that later became much needed parking space for the growing and energetic church.

Three months after the consecration of the sanctuary, the congregation unanimously adopted a resolution to acquire a suitable manse, either by purchase of a house already constructed or for the purchase of a lot and the construction of a manse. The December 14, 1952 Session minutes report the purchase from James Dorsett of Lot #3 on Wake Drive for the construction of the manse. This was most fortunate, since the same minutes report that the owners of the present manse have notified the church that they wish to occupy their property sometime in 1953. The new manse was built by James Davidson in the same style as the church buildings at a cost of $44,000, excluding the lot. Pastor Brown and his family moved in late in 1953. A service of dedication was held on December 8, and an open house was held on December 15, 1953, for the members of White Memorial.

White Memorial's Building Committee moved forward again by recommending to a joint meeting of the Session and Diaconate that Macon Smith, architect, be retained to develop the completion of the plant site in line with the original proposal. Estimates for the new wing of the education complex facing Oberlin Road were accepted at $185,000, and due to the long delivery time of structural steel, it was placed on order. The moderator and staff occupied the new wing in April 1957. He acknowledged the receipt of many gifts of office furnishings, a piano and assorted equipment. Soon thereafter a joint meeting approved the plan for a new kitchen and dining hall to accommodate 400 people. The approval was unanimous!

The congregation in January 1962, authorized the officers and trustees of White Memorial to take necessary action to purchase three tracts of property at 2012, 2014-2016 McDonald Lane and property designated as 1702 Colonial Road. These were adjacent to existing church property. Certainly they were to become a part of White Memorial's realizing future needs.

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Education - Part I

Christian Education played a most important role in the early days of White Memorial, and the tradition continues today. This tradition was manifested in the hearts of the founders, all of whom were active in Sunday School at the *"mother church,"* First Presbyterian. It is worth noting that even before White Memorial's organization, one of the board of directors' intentions was to first build a Sunday School. Also of note is that simultaneously with locating a place to worship (Colony Theatre), the congregation negotiated the use of the Hayes Barton (now Myrtle Underwood) School as a place for Christian Education, particularly Sunday School.

Karl Hudson Sr. organized and served as the first superintendent of the Sunday School, the leaders of which the Session approved on October 14, 1946:

Sunday School

Karl G. Hudson	general superintendent
William Horne	assistant superintendent
Henry W. Harris	secretary and treasurer
CRADLE ROLL:	Mrs. Edward Cothran
	Mrs. H. G. Hartzog Jr.
	Mrs. Will Hudson III

BEGINNERS:	Mrs. E. F. Warner
PRIMARY:	Mrs. W. H. Kimrey Mrs. Frank Meece
JUNIORS:	H. G. Hartzog Jr. D. F. Holler
PIONEERS:	Karl Hudson Jr. John Minter Mrs. W. B. Willard
SENIORS:	Mrs. Thomas Chapman, adult advisor W. T. Beaty Sim Wells
YOUNG PEOPLE:	D. S. Kimrey, advisor G. M. Connell
MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:	George P. Geoghegan Jr.
WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS:	Mrs. Charles J. Johnson Mrs. Pat Kimzey

Sunday School grew dramatically from the 151 people who attended the first session on October 6, 1946. When the Church House opened on April 24, 1949, there was a record 315 attending the church school. During this interim, many additional classes were added, e.g., men's bible class, young adults class, and a young men and women class.

The young adults class started with a membership of 14 and an average attendance of seven. Original plans called for a *"visiting teacher"* for each month, e.g., Lucy Steele and Dr. William Pressly of Peace College, and Dr. Clarence Brannon of the West Raleigh Church took turns teaching. Eventually, there developed the feeling that there would be more interest in the class if it had a person who taught it on a more permanent basis. Lynn Brown was asked to teach regularly, he agreed, and it was given the name the *"Brown Bible Study Class."* The growth was just phenomenal, and by the time the Church House was completed, it had grown to 55 members. It outgrew the largest classroom (Fellowship Room) in the Church House and began meeting in the sanctuary with an average attendance of 300.

On March 1, 1947, the first communicants' class began. These young people of that first class were received into church membership on March 30:

Jerry Alford
William Dick Beaty
Charles Conley Driver
June Elizabeth Driver
Robert M. Finley Jr.
Sally Van Dyke Heath
Margaret Elizabeth Lee
John Francis Warner

Communicant classes continued once a year until the 1953-54 calendar year when both Christmas and Easter classes were scheduled.

Mrs. Clarence Monroe Asbill Jr. became the initial religion education worker, serving on a part-time basis. Strong leadership was provided by several people serving as directors of Religious or Christian Education:

Nancy Barron
Mr. Albert Bochler
Mrs. Thomas Chapman, interim
Harriet Holler (Barker), interim
Mary Neely King, part time/interim
Mary Jean McFayden
Kathryn Ann Moore
Mrs. Grover Page

Their leadership created programs such as Daily Vacation Bible School, *"Pioneer"* and Senior Summer Worship, weekday seminars in religious training of preschool children, and monthly bible classes taught by Mr. Brown for circle bible leaders. Also in the fall of 1956, the *"Karl Grier Hudson Lectures"* were inaugurated as an annual series established by Karl Hudson Jr. in memory of his father. Dr. Bernard Boyd, professor of the Bible at the University of North Carolina, was invited to be the first lecturer.

Increased programs, enrollment, and the strain on facilities required setting up a second church school session at 11:00 a.m. It began on a limited basis but soon was extended to include the Primary Department, as many families found it more convenient to attend church service while the children were in church school. The much needed Oberlin Road wing of the education unit was completed and consecrated on Palm Sunday in April 1957.

White Memorial's sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop began with the troop's organization in 1948 under Scoutmaster Arthur Brown. This beginning scouting nucleus grew until in 1958 White Memorial's complete Boy Scout program consisted of two Cub packs, a Webelo den, two Scout troops, one Explorer post, and one Sea Scout ship.

Church Kindergarten (later Weekday School)

Kindergarten education was not available in the public school system in the 1950s. The need was recognized by the pastor and others of the congregation that a day school, devoted to the training of preschool children in a Christian atmosphere, would be of great value to members with small children and of value to the community in general. Lynn Brown as moderator presented to the Session a plan for

a church kindergarten to be opened in the fall of 1950 in the Church House. Daily sessions from 9:00 a.m. to noon, five days a week would provide kindergarten instruction for the four and five year age group with emphasis on religious education. He proposed to employee Katy Lumpkin (Blackburn), as director, with two helpers who could handle a group of not more than 40 children. Tuition was set at $12 per month plus a registration fee of $5 per child. The Session approved the proposal with the understanding that it would be discontinued whenever and if it failed to operate on a self-supporting basis. Enrollment was no problem, as 50 children were signed up for the starting class in September 1950. The Session commended the school's leadership for the first year and agreed to a class for first grade students who, because of age limitation requirements, could not enter the public school system. Katy Lumpkin (Blackburn) retired in 1958, and the directorship was assumed by Myrle Fisher who served from 1958 to 1968.

Christian Education had evolved into such an integral part of the church's life, from toddlers through adults, that in January 1966, the Session established the Christian Education Committee to help in the future developments in this area - Education.

Here is a sample of the school's graduation program:

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

5:00 P. M. May 29, 1957

Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin, Jr. ..... *Director*
Mrs. James A. Hilker ..... *Asst. Director*
Mrs. I. Lee Parker, Jr. ..... *Teacher*
Mrs. Earl R. Franklin ..... *Teacher*
Mrs. Victor Fisher ..... *Teacher*
Mrs. Alan Alter ..... *Teacher*
Mrs. A. D. Stuart ..... *Teacher*
Mrs. Harris J. Ogburn ..... *Secretary*

SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. A. P. Hassell, Jr., Chairman

REPRESENTING THE SESSION

Mr. James M. Ferguson
Mr. James K. Dorsett, Jr.
Mr. James A. Davidson

REPRESENTING THE DIACONATE

Mr. R. Braxton Flye
Mr. William J. Hudson III
Mr. Newman A. Townsend, Jr.
Mr. Robert J. Wyatt, Jr.
Mr. William H. Worth

The Reverend Charles Lynnwood Brown ..... *Pastor*

Mr. Albert F. Boehler ..... *Minister of Education*

Program

PROCESSIONAL ..... Pomp and Circumstance

Invocation ..... Mr. Boehler

Welcome ..... Mr. Hassell

Song—Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me ..... Junior Kindergarten

Graduation Address ..... Mr. Brown

Song—The Lord's Prayer ..... Graduation Class

Presentation of Diplomas ..... Mrs. Lumpkin
Mr. Hassell

Benediction ..... Mr. Brown

Recessional ..... Priests' March

Organist ..... Mrs. C. M. Asbill, Jr.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN CHOIR

Virginia Helen Bell
Robin Beverly Brown
Sara Elizabeth Clancy
John Crawford Cooke
Delia Anne Davis
Ellen Clark Friedberg
Mulba Leroy Handsel, Jr.
Rebecca Josephine Hill
Timothy Joseph Jobe
Charles Edgar Kellam
John Lee Kester, Jr.
Thomas Courtlans Manning
Julia Annie McGlamery
Donald Richards McPherson
Ernest Benjamin Page III
Peggy Ann Schafer
Deborah Lynne Smith
James Richard Thomas
Linda Ruth Waltner
Patricia MacLeod Wells
Eleanor Pope Wilson
Fletcher Merritt Winstead, Jr.

SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

Snowden Stanley Albright
Rebecca Ann Alter
Janice Ray Ausbon
Ruth Florence Barnes
George Franklin Stuart Brown
Micou Metcalf Browne
Cynthia Lou Capps
Betsy Jane Chapman
Joel Thomas Irving Clancy
Charles Corey Davis
Sarah Elizabeth Duncan
Deborah Sue Dunning
Muriel Craven Elliott
William Henry Ferguson
Ellen Carolyn Ficklen
Jane Dulaney Ficklin
Mary Hudson Fontaine
Charles Sawyer Friedberg
Robert Gerrard Gorrell
Laura Constance Graham
Richard Leigh Grandage
Christine Ann Hader
Jacqueline Hardre
Robert Norment Harper
Leslie Allison Hill
Myron Eugene Holloway, Jr.
Richard Montgomery Jackson
Carolyn Coker Joslin
Jan Elise Kidwell
Julie Norris King
Charles Sidney Louis Kirk
John Carroll Lassiter
Walter Dale Morton Lewis
James Crawford Little III
Nancy Augusta Long
Brian Albert Lovvorn
Kristen Rae Mattson
Karen McCotter
Ann Shepherd McIver
Douglas Worth McMillan
Ellen Dianne Mika
Arch Bradsher Newbold, Jr.
Sarah Ann Newbold
Percy Johnson Olive, Jr.
Judith Elizabeth Page
Susan Gaynell Parker
Frances Allison Park
Carolyn Faye Penny
Karen Elizabeth Robinson
A. Hewitt Rose III
Ann Stedman Seifert
Julietta Smith
Patricia Macon Smith
Kenneth Howard Stine
Susan Glenn Summerlin
Mary Rose Sutey
Mary Dee Thiem
Helen Dianne Thompson
Mark Becton Thompson
Newman Alexander Townsend III
William Seaton Ward, Jr.
Judith Ann Warren
John Wilbur Watkins
Barrette Oakes Welch
Larry Wayne Welch
Florence Matilda Wells
Carol Williams
Douglas Carroll Williams
James Claude Williamson III
James Patrick Wise
Shirley Rebecca Woodward
Linda Sue Wooten
Richard Rankin Wright
Gail Lynn Wyle

FIRST GRADE

Nancy Lynn Alderman
Natalie Ballew
Susan Harris Burton
Herbert Bevely Crews
George Michael Dawkins
Edward Stanley Edmondson III
Shelly Marie Flammia
Sarah Elizabeth Gibson
Robert Calvin Hardee
Davis Richard Kam
James Fredrick Kelly, Jr.
John Duncan Ladd
Jean Lasater
Sandra Stuart McKee
Betty Ann Mindt
Allin Vallentyne Walker
Sarah Williams

MARSHALS

Jean Elizabeth Alderman
Kathryn Love Lumpkin

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Music - Part I

The Diaconate appointed John Minter to work with the ladies of the church in arranging for the music at White Memorial's Colony Theatre services. There were "voices"; there was no organized choir, hymn books, organ, piano, or organist. John set to work and reported on his efforts to secure a combined organist/choir director. Since we did not have an organ and would not be having evening or midweek services, it was thought advisable to secure someone at a salary not to exceed $150 per month and *"cheaper if possible."* The deacons then decided to leave the selection of the organist and choir director in the hands of the Music Committee. John Minter judiciously pointed out that he was the only person on the committee. W. B. Willard and Arthur Brown were then appointed to the Music Committee to help John Minter in his work.

In September 1946, a Hammond organ was purchased from the C. H. Stephenson Music Company, and Betty Jean Holt was hired as the church organist. During the first two months, the church was without benefit of a choir or a choir director. Then a quartet of mainly church members complemented the music of the services for the next two months. Early in January 1947, steps were taken to enlarge the quartet into a choir, and the first choir rehearsal was held on January 23, 1947, at the Peace College Chapel, led by the new choir director, Peggy Parker. With the resignation of Betty Jean Holt, Kenneth Poole began his service as organist. The music portion of the church service improved significantly with the 12-voice choir. A children's choir and junior choir were soon formed and added much to the joy of the worship services.

Following are the choir directors and organists for the *"Formative Years,"* 1946-1966:

1946-47	Betty Jean Holt, organist
1947	Peggy Parker, choir director
1947	Kenneth Poole, choir director and organist
1947	Charles Horton, choir director and organist
1947	*Catherine Miller, organist
1947-1966	John Farmer Cole, choir director and organist
1950-51	Leon Fleming, choir director
1951-57	H. Martin Ledoux, choir director
1957	Ken Parker, choir director
1957-58	Ted Cramer, choir director
1959-1967	Bill Byrd, choir director (1st full-time director)

**This is the first time of several later times that Catherine Miller assisted White Memorial as both organist and choir director.*

The Stephenson Music Company family donated a new Hammond electric organ for the sanctuary in January 1952. It served the congregation well over the years. The dream of many of the musically inclined was to someday have a pipe organ. This dream began to materialize at the June 11, 1961 Session meeting, when the moderator presented a letter from George Geoghegan Jr., suggesting that the Session consider establishing a committee to be know as the *"Pipe Organ Study Group,"* for securing information concerning a pipe organ for the church. The group was set up under the chair of George Geoghegan Jr. with these members:

Mrs. W. N. Bernhard
Dr. E. D. Baker
Mr. James Davidson
Mr. Braxton Flye
Mrs. Wade C. Lewis
Mr. Jack Steele
Mr. Woodrow Teague
Mr. John A. Williams Jr.
Mrs. S. M. White

The Organ Study Committee pursued their assignment with such dedication that a recommendation was presented to and approved by the Session and the congregation in July 1962:

> *The church needs a pipe organ as an essential adjunct to its worship services and with the growth of the church, both in membership and facilities, we believe the time has now come, after 16 years, no longer to delay placing an order for a pipe organ, which will be manufactured specifically for our requirements.*
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> *Moderate alterations are required in the organ chamber to accommodate the pipes, and the total cost of especially designed and constructed organ, including the aforementioned alterations, will not*

exceed $70,000 total cost.

That a committee of officers be appointed to be known as 'Organ Fund Committee,' with specific assignment to approach individual members known to be interested, with the prospect of securing initial substantial funds. While this committee recommends no general every-member canvass, it is important that a personal approach be made to interested and responsible members who may be willing to assume a large portion of the required pledges.

That the congregation be apprised immediately of the project and of the need for the project, through the various means recommended by the study group and

Further, that when $10,000 in cash has been subscribed to the Organ Fund and when an additional amount of $25,000 has been obtained in pledges to the Organ Fund, payable on or before June 15, 1963, this committee recommends that an order be placed for the organ of the type decided upon by the Organ Committee, being mindful of the possible price increase at July 1, 1962, and of the delivery time of 18 to 36 months;

Further, that when the foregoing has been accomplished the balance of the purchase price be raised when required either by contributions, long-term financing, every member canvass or inclusion in the budget.

The moderator requested volunteers for the committee to work for the organ. The following men volunteered: John Clements, Tom Collins, James Ferguson, Vic Fisher, Julian Fore, Braxton Flye, Karl Hudson Jr., Bill Marvin, Burney McCotter, Joe Moore, Carlyle Morris, Alex Patterson, Harold Pitser, Marvin Speck, Bill Teague, and James Walker.

A little more than two years were required to build the 50-rank Schantz organ. Then followed a two-month installation period with the final finishing and voicing by John Schantz of the Schantz Company and Breck Camp of the Widener Organ Company. September 13, 1964, with John Farmer Cole at the console, the sanctuary resounded with the melodic sound of music, calling the congregation to the dedication of White Memorial's Schantz pipe organ.

There followed a series of organ recitals by organists from around the world. The very first of these was in October, presented by Robert King, organist-choirmaster of First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, N.C.

When two Sunday morning worship services became regularly scheduled, the music program began to suffer from a lack of stewardship. The Music Committee obtained approval of a plan for the full choir to sing at only one service each Sunday, rotating between the 9:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. services, with the quartet singing at the other service. This plan was conceived in the hope that the congregation would recognize the need for additional choir members, and that recruiting for these members would improve. Over time the plan worked to the perfection of the music program that we enjoy today.

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Men of the Church

The Session felt that a men-of-the-church organization should be formed as a group that would meet in Christian fellowship and undertake various projects. A committee was named of three men, all of whom had been presidents of the Vanguard Men's Bible Class of First Church: James S. Burch, F. L. Terry, and W. H. Pitman Sr. Contact was made with S. J. Patterson, the General Assembly's Secretary of Men's Work to obtain information on men's organizations. Committee size was increased to 12, and it met with the pastor in October 1946 to plan for an organization.

A memorable turkey supper served by Messrs. Paul Brown, James Burch, and others preceded the organization meeting on November 6, 1946. About 45 men attended, and these officers were elected:

David M. Crenshaw	president
Jesse V. Davis	vice president
Josh Slaughter Jr.	secretary
J. S. Simpson	assistant secretary
Thomas G. Chapman	treasurer

The men of the church adopted by-laws at their December meeting and agreed that monthly supper meetings would be scheduled on the second Fridays from September through May.

Interestingly, when this men-of-the-church group organized, it became the first

such organization in Granville Presbytery. White Memorial's men became the prime moving force in aiding the organization of other such groups throughout all the churches of the Presbytery.

When this group was just 12 months old, it took on the monumental task of providing preachers for three rural Home Mission churches, which were without pastors. The men's group voted to accept this project as their responsibility and on alternate Sundays, members of the group, many with no previous pulpit experience but each with a desire to do his share in God's work for furthering the service of White Memorial, led the worship services in three small churches: Oakland, Mount Pleasant, and White Memorial (Johnston County). Therefore, the influence of the man, Dr. White, for whom our church was named reached out once again. Through our men, leadership was given to three of the mission churches that had been founded as a result of Dr. White's ministry.

Several men participated in the Montreat Men's Conference where they were inspired by discussions on Sunday School extension work and foreign missions. Area Presbyterian men were very active as a collective unit, representing the eight Presbyterian churches. In 1951 they organized a two-day rally and barbeque at which several hundred men attended. One of the early missions of the men's organization was to conduct Wednesday evening services at the state prison. Later the Session authorized the pastor to arrange for a communion service as part of their services whenever, in his opinion, it was deemed desirable. The spiritual influence of these meetings was felt not only in the prison but also in the lives of those men who contributed their time and talents to such a program. This worthy program ceased only when prison officials decided in 1966 that existing conditions necessitated its termination.

Another project was later developed with the men working with students at North Carolina State University. This was the forerunner of the Campus Ministry Program supported by the local Presbyterian churches. The men's group also sponsored the scouting program and the night open houses for teenagers after high school football and basketball games.

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Women of the Church

Just three short weeks before the first church service, the women of White Memorial met to organize themselves into an effective program of the church. Let the minutes of this meeting tell the story of the women's effectiveness in getting organized:

Minutes of the Organization of the Women's Auxiliary of the White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh September 16, 1946

At the request of Mr. Donald Kimrey, representative of women's work in the Session, the women of White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh met in the Betty Penich Bible Classroom of the First Presbyterian Church at 3:30 p.m., September 16, 1946.

There were 41 members and four guests present.

Mrs. William Horne called the meeting to order, and said the women had been called together to organize a Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Horne introduced Synodical President, Mrs. George U. Baucom Jr. as presiding officer for the meeting.

Mrs. Baucom spoke of her joy over the occasion of the meeting; of the history that was being made; of the rich heritage one had from Dr. White for whom our church is named; for the rich opportunity we have for service.

After a moment of quiet meditation, Mrs. Baucom led the group in an earnest prayer for guidance throughout the meeting.

Mrs. Baucom introduced the Reverend Charles Lynnwood Brown, who gave us an insight as to what the Women's Auxiliary has meant to him as a pastor; and by pointing out to us women's places in the home and in the church, challenged us with a fresh and renewed desire to go forward and accomplish greater things in our Master's work.

Mrs. Horne made the motion that the officers for the auxiliary be elected during the meeting by nominations from the floor. Mrs. Frank Thompson seconded the motion. It carried.

Mrs. Baucom asked Mrs. J. C. Sibley to act as secretary for the meeting.

Mrs. David Worth, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Church, read a copy of the constitution and by-laws recommended by the Women's Committee of Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. George Johnson made the motion that we elect the officers listed in the constitution under Group I to serve 18 months and those listed under Group II to serve six months, with the recording secretary going in the same time the president does and for the length of her term of office. Mrs. Frank Thompson seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mrs. Baucom explained the following procedure: each person feel free to nominate the member of her choice for any officer; when more than one member is nominated for any one office, the voting will be done by ballot; that we would elect a president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and historian first — in the order listed. She asked Mrs. Worth and Mrs. A. R. Buffaloe to act as tellers. By ballot the following were elected:

president	*Mrs. John Minter*
vice president	*Mrs. Pat Kimzey*
recording secretary	*Mrs. John C. Sibley*
corresponding secretary	*Mrs. F. R. Caudle*
treasurer	*Mrs. Frank Thompson*
historian	*Mrs. Walter Willard*

Mrs. George Johnson made the motion that we have four circles until our membership warrants more; three afternoon and one night circle. Mrs. Charles Ward seconded the motion, and it carried.

The motion was made by Mrs. J. W. Kellogg that the night circle be called together as soon as possible to elect its officers, and that we elect the chairman of the afternoon circles for six months. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thomas Creekmore. It carried.

Mrs. James Burch, Mrs. J. W. Denmark, and Mrs. William Horne were elected circle chairpersons in the order listed. (Mrs. Henry Harris was later elected chairperson of the night circle.)

Mrs. Minter made the motion that we elect the cause secretaries. The motion was seconded by Mrs. James Burch. It carried.

The response from the group was so enthusiastic that Mrs. Minter suggested that Mrs. Baucom call for volunteers for cause secretaries. The following are our cause secretaries:

Foreign Missions	*Mrs. F. L. Terry*
Spiritual Life & Evangelism	*Mrs. Don Kimrey*
pastor's aide	*Mrs. J. W. Kellogg*
Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	*Mrs. N. H. Cox*
orphanage	*Mrs. Penn Marshall*
Christian Social Activities	*Mrs. R. B. Yowell*
Synod & Presbyterian Home Missions	*Mrs. J. V. Davis*
Literature	*Mrs. George Johnson*
Assembly's Home Missions	*Mrs. Charles Ward*
Religious Education & Publications	*Mrs. E. H. Browning*
Mission Court	*Mrs. John Allen*
Christian Social Service	*Mrs. Will Hudson*
Synod's Educational Institutions	*Mrs. J. C. Holland*

Mrs. David Worth issued an invitation to us to have our Installation Service at the Loyalty Dinner Meeting of the First Church Auxiliary, September 23. The invitation was accepted on the motion made by Mrs. Minter and seconded by Mrs. Ward.

The following officers will be installed at the Loyalty Meeting on September 23, 1946, for 18 months:

president	*Mrs. John Minter*
recording secretary	*Mrs. John C. Sibley*
historian	*Mrs. Walter Willard*
sec. of Foreign Missions	*Mrs. F. L. Terry*
sec. of Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	*Mrs. N. H. Cox*
Spiritual Life	*Mrs. Don S. Kimrey*
Synod's & Pres. Home Missions	*Mrs. J. V. Davis*
Literature	*Mrs. George Johnson*

The following will be installed for six months:

vice president	*Mrs. Pat Kimzey*
treasurer	*Mrs. Frank Thompson*
corresponding secretary	*Mrs. F. R. Caudle*

Circle chairpersons:

Mrs. James Burch
Mrs. William Horne
Mrs. J. W. Denmark
(Mrs. Henry Harris - added later)

sec. of Assembly's Home Missions	*Mrs. Charles Ward*
sec. Religious Education & Publications	*Mrs. E. H. Browning*
sec. Christian Social Service	*Mrs. Will Hudson Jr.*
sec. Christian Social Activities	*Mrs. R. B. Yowell*
pastor's aide	*Mrs. J. W. Kellogg*
orphanage	*Mrs. Penn Marshall*
Mission Court	*Mrs. John Allen*
Synod's Educational Institutions	*Mrs. J. C. Holland*

Mrs. A. R. Buffaloe, district chairperson, invited the members of our auxiliary to attend a group conference at the North Vanguard Church on September 25. The importance of all officers being present was stressed, particularly the cause secretaries, as each cause secretary of the Presbyterial would present her work for the year.

Mrs. Baucom closed the meeting with prayer.

Members at the organizational meeting:

Mrs. John Allen
Mrs. W. B. Barrow
Mrs. F. S. Briggaman
Mrs. E. H. Browning
Mrs. Paul Brown
Mrs. J. S. Burch
Mrs. F. R. Caudle
Mrs. W. H. Clayton
Mrs. Edward Cothran
Mrs. N. H. Cox
Mrs. Thomas Creekmore
Mrs. J. V. Davis
Mrs. J. W. Denmark
Mrs. G. P. Geoghegan
Mrs. Henry Harris
Mrs. J. C. Holland
Mrs. D. F. Holler
Mrs. William Horne
Mrs. K. G. Hudson
Mrs. W. J. Hudson Jr.
Mrs. W. J. Hudson III
Mrs. George D. Johnson
Mrs. J. W. Kellogg
Mrs. Don Kimrey
Mrs. Pat Kimzey
Mrs. Lyman Kiser
Mrs. Penn Marshall
Mrs. Frank Meece
Mrs. John Minter
Mrs. W. H. Pitman
Mrs. J. C. Sibley
Mrs. J. S. Simpson
Mrs. F. L. Terry
Mrs. F. E. Thompson
Mrs. Charles Ward
Mrs. E. F. Warner
Mrs. W. B. Willard
Mrs. R. B. Yowell

Guests:

Mrs. George N. Baucom Jr.
The Reverend C. L. Brown
Mrs. A. R. Buffaloe
Mrs. David Worth

The Women's Executive Board met on September 24, 1946, and set up a work program for the auxiliary:

- auxiliary lunch meetings would be held in homes on the third Monday of each month;
- circles would meet at homes on second Mondays;
- Lucy Steele of Peace College would be asked to lead a bible study on the book of Isaiah;
- Mrs. Will J. Hudson II was named hospitality chair.

On the evening of this same day, the First Church Women's Auxiliary held their annual Loyalty Dinner and invited all the women of White Memorial to join them. The feature of this dinner was the installation of officers of the Women's Auxiliary of White Memorial. The women of First Church, the *"mother church,"* were very gracious in bidding godspeed to the White Memorial "daughters" and presented them

with a Bible, a gavel, and a check of seed funds.

Fifty years later, Mary Minter remembers,

> *". . . the women elected me to be their first president without holding a committee meeting. Unheard of to be elected to anything in our Presbyterian church without holding a committee meeting, I still consider it my highest honor. The women were wonderful. When asked to help me select the many cause secretaries and circle chairpersons needed, they volunteered. Believe it or not, when we left we had a complete slate."*

The Women's Auxiliary causes were many and broad in their outreach. As Mary Minter indicated above, volunteers came forward to chair the 13 secretary of causes positions.

At closing, Mrs. Baucom stressed the fact that the group was on the threshold of a great opportunity to serve, and she was sure the newly organized Women's Auxiliary would make an excellent record in the months and years to come. Just three weeks before the first White Memorial Presbyterian Church service (October 6, 1946), at a single meeting the women of White Memorial organized the Women's Auxiliary to the smallest detail.

The first full year of the Women's Auxiliary budget reflects the range and magnitude of their work:

BUDGET 1947-1948
Benevolences

Per Cent	*Legend*	*Amount*
19.	Foreign Missions	$ 66.50
11.	Assembly's Home Missions	38.50
4.	Chirstian Education and Ministerial Relief	14.00
2.	Religious Education and Publication	7.00
1.	General Assembly's Training School	3.50
.5	Bible Cause	1.75
1.	Defense Service Council	3.50
1.5	War Relief	5.25
.375	Evangelism	1.31
.625	Radio	2.19
1.625	Negro Work	5.69
.375	Christian Relations	1.31
8.5	Synod's Home Missions	29.75
3.5	Orphanage	12.25
12.5	Educational Institutions	43.75
1.5	Union Theological Seminary	5.25
25.	Presbytery's Home Missions	87.50
3.	Religious Education in State Institutions	10.50
3.	Executive Secretary's Office	10.50
	Total Benevolences	**$ 350.00**

Current Expenses

Barium Orphanage	$ 30.00
White Cross	10.00
Delegate to Montreat	50.00
Contingent Fee	75.00
Literature and Printing	85.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Furnishing Fund	250.00
Total Current Expenses	$600.00
GRAND TOTAL	$950.00

Allocation

Each Day Circle	$200.00
Each Night Circle	$175.00

Enrollment
March 31, 1947

Charter members	108
Total membership	145
Members transferred	3
Deceased	1

The Women's Auxiliary became known as Women of the Church in September 1948. There have been many activities involving the women of White Memorial. During this period, they participated in their circles and meetings at the homes of members, held regular bible studies, attended Presbyterials and Synodical training schools and Montreat women's conferences. They conducted Sunday services at the old Wake County Home and the Cary Street Mission and have been involved with the women's prison for many years.

Financially, the women have supported local home missions as well as foreign missions. They have given to missions and schools in Africa, Brazil, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Formosa (Taiwan). In addition, support has been directed to the Mountain Retreat Association (Montreat), the construction and furnishing of the William Black Home at Montreat, Peace College, the Barium Springs Home for Children, Presbyterian Home at High Point, Dorothea Dix Hospital, YWCA, the North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and the Assemblies Training School (Presbyterian School of Christian Education). Clothing was collected, packed, and shipped to Church World Services for distribution as part of the war relief for Europe. One of the unique ventures of the women was the collection of green stamps to purchase a station wagon for use in ministering to the migrant workers in our area.

Close to home, the women were instrumental in furnishing the kitchen of the Church House building, although they did request the Session to help underwrite the major cost of a stove. Fortunately the Deacons had just realized some cash from the sale of the old organ used in the Colony Theatre, so all turned out very well. Harriet Holler Barker adds that . . .

> *"Coma Willard was my mentor when we served on the New Church Directors' Committee, and she helped shepherd me through my term as Women of the Church president. I vividly remember her concern when we purchased our serving dishes for table service. Most of us were content with plain 'institutional ware' as inexpensive as possible. However, Coma insisted that we buy only the best for God's House!"*

These furnishings also included the volunteer time of one of the women to be the church hostess. Annual loyalty dinners were organized by the women, and the men were invited to the joint meetings. It is most appropriate that one of the hymns sung was *"Blest Be The Tie That Binds!"*

Mary Minter's sharp memory relates these vignettes of the Women's Auxiliary pioneer days:

- *Women's First Circles and Auxiliary Meetings*
  Our first meetings were held in the homes. They were beautiful luncheon meetings. One of the circles took charge each month. Every hostess got out her best china, silver, and crystal and could not do enough to make our getting together wonderful. The programs were always interesting about the church at large or missions.
- *First Intensive Bible Study*
  We had this the first two years. Ruth Geoghegan and Elizabeth Hudson allowed us to meet in their basements. Miss Lucy Steele, Peace College Bible Professor, taught us. We loved her, especially her wit. She once said, "I can't wait to ask Mrs. Isaiah if there was one Isaiah or two." We went in the morning, had lunch, and stayed after lunch.
- *The First Birthday Party*
  This was to celebrate the birthdays of women's work in the assembly. Offerings were taken for missions. We needed a garden, so Mrs. Hubert Royster on Beechridge let us come to her beautiful garden. A funeral parlor said we could use their chairs if we returned them before night. I made three trips in my car and got 75 chairs. The women had a nice program and a huge cake. The next year Mrs. Henry Cannon invited us. She had Fallons come and plant pots of blooming flowers, which they could remove next day. It was lovely! The cake was large and so was the mission offering.
- *The First Clothes Distribution*
  We packed boxes for the Rescue Mission. Box after box of clothes went to Mission Court in Atlanta for our missionaries on furlough. A huge truck came by, and we sent many boxes to Church World Service in Maryland. Gratitude goes to First Presbyterian friends, to Pastor M. O. Sommers, who was there when we organized, and to our ministers, staff, and others. God has blessed — more than we ever dreamed.

The women of the church inaugurated the Honorary Life Membership program in 1953. Receiving the first Honorary Life Membership was Kirby Brown, wife of Lynn Brown, pastor. Four years later in 1957, Mrs. Edna Stuart Brown received the award along with her son Lynn Brown. No additional Honorary Life Memberships were awarded for almost 20 years when the women of the church revived the program in 1976. The testimony of these three early awards provides an insight to the women's service work at the time:

Honorary Life Membership
to
Mrs. Charles Lynnwood Brown
by
The women of the church of White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, North Carolina
March 1953

Rowena Kirby Smith Coleman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ogden Coleman, was born in Winnetka, Illinois, November 10, 1927. She married Charles Lynnwood Brown April 29, 1948, in Winnetka, Illinois. She is the mother of George Franklin Steward Brown, three years old. She is a college graduate majoring in sociology.

As our pastor's wife, she has served faithfully our church in many capacities, as assistant Bible leader of circles, secretary of foreign missions, Sunday School teacher, and Vacation Bible School leader. Her greatest contribution has been sponsor of circle project of Cary Street Presbyterian Mission Bible School in cooperation with Mrs. B. H. Bunch, director of the missions program of the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, N.C. Mrs. Brown originated a mothers' club at the mission for the purpose of instructing the mothers in marketing, budgeting, social recreation, home nursing, and handicraft. In many instances she personally financed these projects. She is generous, enthusiastic and deeply concerned about all people who need help, not only in the local field but the foreign field as well. She has made a great contribution to our church and to various community enterprises and drives.

She is deeply conscious of her responsibility as a young pastor's wife. It is because of her study, her consistent and conscientious effort and her eagerness to help that has endeared her to all who know and work with her. She strives daily through prayer and study to be a true Christian wife and leader.

This award came as a great surprise to her. She accepted it in humility, with this brief assurance. "I shall spend the rest of my life trying to be worthy of this recognition."

White Memorial Presbyterian Church - 1953

Signed: (Coma) Mrs. Walter B. Willard
president of the Women of the Church

First Award 1957:

It is with great pleasure today that we, "The Women of the Church" of White Memorial present two Honorary Life Memberships in our organization.

The first one being presented to one through whom our church and its' members have received, and are receiving daily guidance, council, spiritual strength, and instruction in the application of Jesus' teaching to our daily lives.

She was born near Troy, N.C., daughter of George Fulton Stuart and Sarah Vincent Stuart. She, with her family, moved to Concord, N.C., at an early age, where she lost her father when she was about 11 years old.

She attended school as the pupil of her aunt who conducted a private school. Then she continued her education in Miss Irving's Select Female Academy in Concord, N.C.

She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Concord, N.C., from whence her son went into the ministry.

For many years she worked untiringly in the Beginners' Department of the McKinnon Presbyterian Church in Concord and did valuable work in the USO during the Second World War.

She is the mother of five children (losing one son at the age of eight):

One daughter who is now living in Connecticut;

One daughter who is living in Japan;

One son who lives in San Jose, California;

One son who lives in Raleigh and is our beloved pastor;

Eight grandchildren, all of whom are witnesses to the fine Christian example she has set before them.

So it is with deep gratitude, love, and sincere admiration that we the "Women of the Church" present this pin and certificate of Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. Edna Stuart Brown.

Second Award 1957

The second Honorary Life Membership is awarded to one who is an inspiration to, not only the members of our church, but to all the Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. This individual is also an inspiration to the whole community, never refusing council and help to any person or group of persons who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, regardless of race or creed.

He was born in Concord, N.C., where he grew up as a member of the First Presbyterian Church, which is 153 years old, and was the fourth man to go into the ministry from that church.

He was educated at Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary of Virginia. He was awarded the Moses D. Hoge Fellowship for further study, which he continued at Union Seminary. He received the degree of Master of Theology in 1941. In 1949 he studied both in France and Switzerland.

He served as Presbyterian chaplain to students at the University of Tennessee for a year. From there he entered the chaplaincy of the United States Army. He served with distinction in the Mediterranean and European theatres with the 517th and 504th Parachute Infantry Regiments, and was discharged from the Army in May 1946, with the rank of Major and holder of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, five battle stars and various unit citations.

After his discharge in May 1946, he came to us in December of that year as our beloved pastor, where he still serves not only as pastor but in many other capacities, one of which is of special interest to the "Women of the Church" which is "Chairman of Women's Work of Granville Presbytery." We are especially grateful for his guidance and influence, not only for us and our husbands, but for our children who are very dear to his heart.

So it is with great joy filled with gratitude and affection that we, the "Women of the Church" present this pin and certificate of Honorary Life Membership in the Women of the Church organization to Reverend Charles Lynnwood Brown.

The *"Women of the Church"* in 1966 presented to Lynn and Kirby Brown a gift of an antique silver tray with an engraved inscription as an appropriate recognition of the Browns' many years of love and service.

It is known throughout church history that the women are perhaps the strongest and best organized arm of the church. White Memorial women have and continue to bear this witness. As a group in total, as a group in circles, and as individuals the women have worked diligently in the service of our Lord, have grown spiritually in his love, and dedicated themselves to the *"Formative Years"* of White Memorial.

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The Church in Service

Staff

White Memorial's first employee, Nell Hay, began her long and dedicated career as church secretary in September 1946. Nell was a graduate of Peace College and came to us as an experienced secretary from the North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga. From the early days in the little wooden office building, she organized the office into an efficient operation. Nell certainly was the behind-the-scenes catalyst in aiding Lynn Brown, the Session and Diaconate, and their many committees in the smooth manner in which they accomplished their day-to-day tasks.

Emmett Fontaine was initially employed as a lay assistant to the pastor and then was named director of Church Programs in 1953, a position which he filled until he resigned to go into private business.

Mrs. R. O. Simmons became the first caterer of the church, and she was subsequently followed by Mrs. James Graham and later Mrs. Kenneth J. Allen.

The church was growing, not only in programs but was nearing 1,200 members in 1955. The duties of the minister were growing and also becoming more complex. May 1955 heralded the arrival of the Reverend Robert Ramey Jr. as an assistant minister. Reverend Ramey was a native of Danville, Va., and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary. He was called to the Lynchburg, Virginia Presbyterian Church in December 1956. Clyde Robinson Jr. of Raleigh followed in September 1958 as assistant to the minister. At this time, Clyde had completed two years of seminary and, as with some students, went on an internship at one of the churches. Clyde served for one year, returning to Union Seminary in September 1959. The

Reverend Clyde Robinson returned in September 1960, after graduating from Union Seminary, was ordained, and served as assistant minister until August 1963, when he was called to the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem.

Between Clyde Robinson's dual tenure at White Memorial, Vernon Hunter served as assistant minister for the one-year interim period. John David Stewart was called as assistant minister in October 1963, and served White Memorial for nine months, when he resigned to accept a position at the Edgemont Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount.

Each of these individuals served White Memorial and its congregation very well as "assistants" with limited but developing experience. The Session, after discussing the needs of the 1,900 members of White Memorial, asked Union Seminary to assist in locating an experienced minister. The congregation called the Reverend James Polk Gammon Moffett as the first associate pastor of White Memorial on May 31, 1964.

Polk Moffett

The Reverend Polk G. Moffett was a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. After serving as a chaplin in the U.S. Navy for two years, he did graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary. Polk had served pastorates in churches at Blackstone, Va., Greenville, Texas, and came to White Memorial from a pastorate in Duncan, Okla. Polk and his wife Lois have five daughters, Lois Ann, Mary Alice, Natalie Paxton, Laura Nell, and Carol Susan.

Polk was examined and received by Granville Presbytery at its July 1964 meeting. An afternoon picnic was held at the old Fin-Crest Lodge on Lake Wheeler Road where the congregation had the opportunity to honor Reverend Moffett, Lois, and their five daughters. Marie Jones, chair of Circle #10, organized all the arrangements for this informal gathering. Reverend Moffett's installation at White Memorial was held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 1964. The Commission of Granville Presbytery to install Reverend Moffett was chaired by Lynn Brown and the following members: Dr. I. M. Bagnal, Executive Secretary of Granville Presbytery; Reverend James B. Storey, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, N.C.; Ruling Elder James K. Dorsett Jr., chairman of the Nominating Committee; and Ruling Elder F. Lee Terry, vice moderator of the Session. The special guest was Dr. Harry Moffett, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, N.C., who is the brother of Polk Moffett, and who preached the installation sermon.

The Session

White Memorial's Session was and continues to be a most active group of ruling elders. It was well organized, and its committees functioned in a very effective manner. One of the seemingly most vexing areas of the Session's delibrations was the makeup of the body: 1) number of ruling elders; 2) the method by which they were to be elected; and 3) their tenure in office and the rotation by which they were to serve. Initially a list of the men of the church eligible for the offices of both elder and deacon was mailed to each member at least 10 days prior to an election by the congregation. This approach went through many changes until a Nominating Committee was formed from a cross section of the church's members.

It was this committee's responsibility to receive nominations and recommend a slate to the congregation for election. Another area that really tested the abilities of the Session was settling on terms of office and rotation of the elected, so that continuity of leadership would always be an important consideration. In these "Formative Years," the Session also carefully debated the impact of weighty decisions that would have long-range impact upon the church and its members. Buildings and their financing were two of these prayerfully discussed areas; areas which we now benefit in our Christian fellowship.

The Diaconate

Congregational care, stewardship, budgets, and buildings and grounds were some of the focal points of the early deacons. There were many responsibilities as reflected in the committee structure:

Building and Planning
Evangelism
Foreign Missions
Home Missions
Offerings
Property
Religious Education
Schools and Colleges
Stewardship and Finance
Ushers
Women's Work

Visitation was one of the key elements in the success of building a strong community because from the community evolved the spiritualness of stewardship of financial resources, time and talent. These were the ingredients that mixed in harmony for White Memorial's growth and development.

No task was too big like managing the building fund of $47,000 or a tentative first-year operating budget of $12,000; or no task was too small as cutting the weeds on the vacant property or buying a second-hand floor waxer for $75. They were a dedicated group — dedicated to the goal of doing their level best for this new church, White Memorial.

Memorabilia

Many, many little things made up the life of White Memorial in these *"Formative Years"*; there are some that are memorabilia, some trivial, some with great spiritual depth and meaning to this small but active and growing band of Presbyterians.

- Thanksgiving Day services were held at the Colony Theatre on November 28, 1946, and the special offering was for the Barium Springs Home for Children.
- October 1947 was designated as an anniversary month by the pastor and Session with a special Preaching Mission of evangelism. An *"Anniversary Family Night"* reorganized all of the new members received during the year. All members were encouraged to work with concerted effort to reach these objectives:

    1. Faithfully attending each Sunday during the Preaching Mission;
    2. Regularly praying each day for the spiritual rebirth of ourselves and our church;
    3. Enrolling in a religious study group;
    4. Increasing our tithe of charitable giving;
    5. Inviting one person each Sunday, not now attending church, to attend White Memorial.

- The first anniversary service on October 5, 1947, was made particularly memorable by the use for the first time of our very own communion silver. Mr. Josephus Daniels Sr. presented this gift in honor of his wife, Addie Worth Bagely Daniels, a former member of First Presbyterian Church and mother of Frank Daniels. This is the letter Mr. Josephus Daniels sent to White Memorial:

Reverend Charles Lynn Brown, Pastor, and Officers, and Members of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N.C.:

I am sending you on this Worldwide Communion Sunday a silver communion service from the members of our family, on which is inscribed:

To the Glory of God
Presented to the White Memorial
Presbyterian Church
In memory of
Addie Worth Bagley Daniels

All members of our family express the hope that the communion service will be accepted in the spirit in which it is sent — in loving memory of a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, whose faith in the Christian religion never faltered. In connection with the consecration of this service, I recall that my dear wife's last partaking of the emblems of the communion was when she received them at the hands of our beloved friend, the Reverend Ben Lacy, at our home.

If it be given to those who have gone before to know what transpires on this sphere (and who shall say otherwise?), nothing would be more grateful to my wife than this memorial in the church of her faith near her home.

Sincerely yours,
October 6, 1947 *Josephus Daniels*

- The congregation adopted the 1948-49 budget of $14,381 for current expenses and $7,290 or 33% for benevolences.
- Summer attendance even in these early years dropped because of vacations and weekends at the beach or mountains. The summer of 1948 was tragic in that an epidemic of polio caused the closing of church school and church to all young people under 17 years of age. Fortunately the polio incidence subsided and Sunday School returned to normal in mid September.
- White Memorial contributed to the creation of the Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church, which was organized in 1949.
- Raleigh area Presbyterian church representatives gathered to give consideration to the organization of a Presbyterian Council of Raleigh and vicinity.
- March 1952, the church begins its long association with Alcoholics Anonymous by permitting the group to have space for a weekly meeting.
- As early as 1952, a proposal to use folding chairs when necessary in the sanctuary to take care of overflow crowds was defeated. As a corollary, it was decided to install a public address system, if possible and at a reasonable cost

in the Fellowship Room of the Church House.

- The Session authorized the moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the rules, fees, and use of the sanctuary for weddings and funerals.
- Membership had exceeded 750, so a geographical grouping of the membership into four zones with four elders assigned to each group was established; the purpose was to keep in close touch with the members in their area, to be ready to help in times of distress, to render whatever service a member might expect from the church, to visit the homes, and to welcome new members living in the area. The plan was kicked off with zone fellowship dinner meetings.
- Granville Presbytery set up a $50,000 campaign for Home Missions, and White Memorial committed to a $5,000 goal.
- Radio WPTF offered to broadcast our Sunday morning services of worship for a period of three months starting on Sunday, April 5, 1953.
- White Memorial raised $2,600 in a campaign for Stillman Institute.
- Raleigh Presbyterian Council institutes an exchange of pulpits on one Sunday each year in the interest of promoting unity and solidarity among the churches.
- Members of the congregation felt the need, so the Session authorized an appropriate hymn board be installed on the lectern side of the sanctuary.
- Budget deficit — anticipating this the officers were requested to take the lead in reconsidering their pledges for 1954.
- Communications progress; radio WPTF wants to develop plans to televise our Sunday morning worship services if and when they obtain a federal license.
- Weekly newsletter combines under one cover all news and announcements of general interest; begins January 1954.
- April 1954, first 9:30 a.m. service to accommodate increased attendance of a growing 900 member congregation.
- Rex Hospital Student Nurses' Corps holds their annual graduation capping service in the sanctuary in May 1954.
- Plans are in place for an afternoon service for group baptisms for children in the church, later held each Mother's Day.
- The church is eight and one-half year old and now has 1,010 members.
- Reverend and Mrs. John Wesley Folta are accepted and supported by White Memorial as the special missionary couple to serve in Korea.
- Fire destroyed the sanctuary of our neighbor, the Baptist church on Oberlin Road, and we contributed $1,000 toward its reconstruction. Reverend Grady D. Davis, pastor, responded in part:

> *"Words or language of any form cannot communicate to you all our deepest feelings and spirit of gratefulness. We are praying that, as God has used you to remember us as you have done in the time of our need, that he will also remember you and bless you in his own way. We stand ready to help you in any way we can. We are eternally thankful."*

- Joseph Farlow, member and deacon, leaves to attend Union Seminary, and after graduation became a missionary to Formosa (Taiwan).
- Granville Presbytery begins development of the Kerr Lake property into what will become known as the Presbyterian Point Camp.
- The tenth anniversary theme is renewing the spirit of unity in activity and bringing this spirit to the entire membership.
- Outreach supports the Queens College campaign with a goal of $10,800; also provides a like amount to the Campus Christian Life campaign; additionally joins in the inaugural campaign of St. Andrews Presbyterian College (a consolidation of Flora MacDonald College at Red Springs and Presbyterian Junior College of Maxton).
- Marvin Edgar Hollowell Jr. endorsed as a candidate for the ministry (October 15, 1961); Tim Kimrey (son of Don Kimrey, one of the 10 founders and a charter member) endorsed and recommended as a candidate for the ministry (September 9, 1962).
- St. Giles Church opened on Sunday, May 3, 1964.
- Session supports the Campus Christian Life program at North Carolina State University which provides ministerial support to over 1,000 Presbyterian students enrolled at the university.

These are but a few of the memorabilia tucked away in White Memorial's attic trunk of memories, which span 20 plus years of outreach, spiritual growth and service — to others and to God.

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Transition - Part I

White Memorial was without a pastor in March 1966; however, it was still being led by God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ. Through the two thousand years of Christian history, there have been many times that Christians have been "down" and suffered setbacks. But their faith has continually perservered, and out of these detours along the way there develops a spiritual renewal, richness, and growth that makes a stronger community of faith. During this transition period, Associate Pastor Polk Moffett guided White Memorial; the church marched forward, having a 20-year foundation upon which to build.

Dr. Charles L. King of Houston, Texas, joined White Memorial as an interim pastor for eight weeks early in 1966. The pulpit was shared by others during this interim period. Tim Kimrey, a rising second-year Union Seminary (N.Y.) student, preached in June. Tim was the 3-year-old son of Donald Kimrey when the initial meeting convened in March 1945 to investigate the possibility of a new church. In mid-July, the Reverend Roy Sherod preached, the very same pastor who came back years later to be an interim pastor.

On March 27, 1966, the congregation elected a Pulpit Committee to search for a new pastor to recommend to the congregation. Members were:

Julian M. Fore, Chair
Ralph B. Barksdale
Glenn F. Bitler
Murphy Evans
James Fontaine
Sarah Gibson
James D. Kilgore
Marcia Koomen
John D. McConnell Jr.
Mary Minter
Coma Willard

While this committee was carrying out its responsibility, life in the church continued:
Agreement was reached to support the Union Seminary capital campaign by pledging $46,000.

- Mrs. King, wife of the interim pastor, organized Thursday morning prayer groups, which grew quickly to about 80 members and were very successful.
- White Memorial continued to receive new members and "dismiss" members who requested that their membership be transferred.
- Easter's communicants' class completed their course of study; the elders examined each of the 34 members for 45 minutes, after which they were accepted into church membership by action of the Session.
- There were baptisms, weddings, and funerals.
- White Memorial's weekday school decided to offer two afternoon classes for 35 five-year-old children.
- St. Andrews College plans for the Vocational Guidance Center, and White Memorial offers financial assistance.
- Personnel changes moved forward; a full-time director of Christian Education was needed; church organist John Farmer Cole resigned after serving for 19 years; Director of Music Bill Byrd announced his resignation; a new pastor is called.

White Memorial's congregation was called to meet on July 10, 1966 to hear the report of the Pulpit/Nominating Committee. As a unanimous choice of the committee, Chairman Julian Fore nominated Dr. Howard Edwin Pickard of Beaumont, Texas, to be pastor of the church. Dr. Pickard was elected unanimously by a standing vote of the congregation. A very short three and one-half months after its election, the Pulpit Committee succeeded in finding the second pastor in White Memorial's history.

Groundbreaking

First Real Property

Church House

With gratitude to God

The White Memorial Presbyterian Church

announces the opening of

The Church House

1704 Oberlin Road

Sunday, April 24, 1949

Calendar of Services:

9:45 A.M. Church School at the Church House
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship, Colony Theatre
5:00 P.M. Open House at the Church House

Members and friends are cordially invited. A nursery will be maintained during the Church School and Church hour

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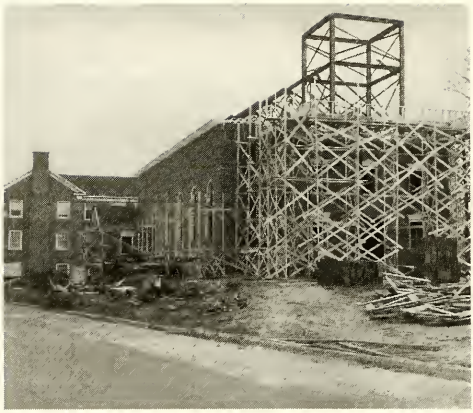

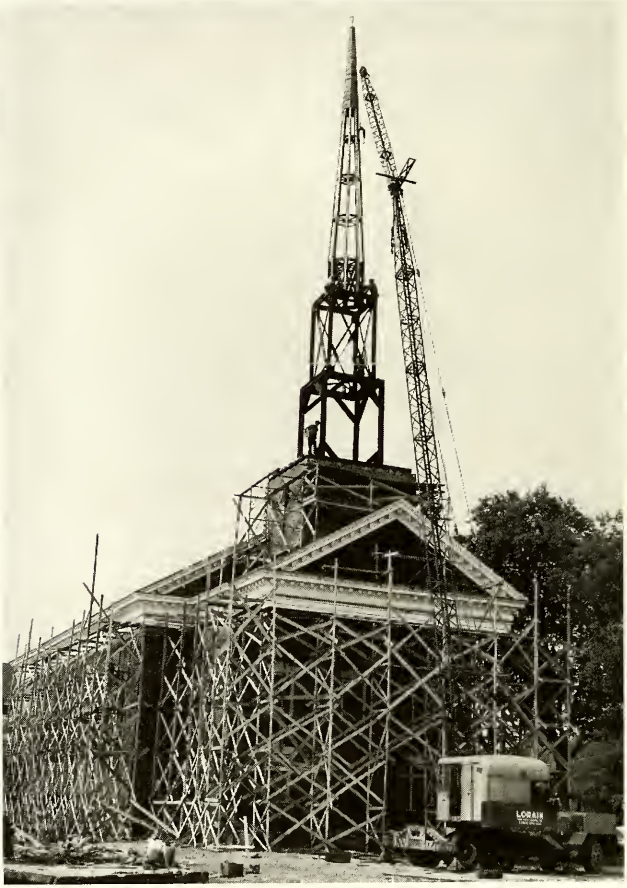
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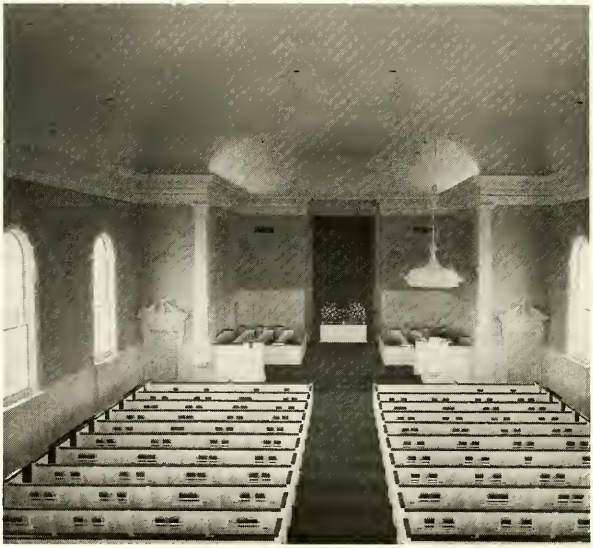

PART III

The Development Years: 1966-1993

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Ed Pickard, Pastor

Who was this young man, the Reverend Howard Edwin "Ed" Pickard, Th.D., and his family, his wife Helen, and their children Sharon, Cambey, John, and Patti? Ed Pickard was born on March 7, 1923, in Chattanooga, Tenn., and grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla. Ed or *"Dr. Ed,"* as he became known, attended St. Petersburg Junior College for two years and graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) degree in 1944. He was honored at Davidson by being elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was named valedictorian of his class. Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, awarded him a Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) degree in 1946, which was followed in the next year by earning a Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. Ed then returned to Union Theological Seminary where in 1951 he earned his Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) degree, hood, and stripes.

Some of the family arrived in Raleigh on Labor Day 1966 to start their new venture. Wife and mother was the former Helen Little, a native of Charlotte, N.C., and a graduate of Flora MacDonald College (later merged into St. Andrews Presbyterian College). Their four children were Sharon Miller, 15, entering the 10th grade; Ann Campbell (Cambey), 12, entering the 7th grade; John Hampton, 10, entering the 5th grade; and Sara Patricia, 4, who would enter the Weekday School in the not-too-distant future. This was the family that settled into the Wake Drive manse and began to get acquainted with their neighborhood, their schools, and Raleigh, and particularly the congregation of White Memorial.

Ed Pickard

Ed had significant experience as pastor of these churches: Sunset Hills Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N.C. (May 1947-August 1948); Orange Presbyterian Church, Orange, Va. (May 1949-April 1954); and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Beaumont, Texas (May 1954-August 1966). In addition, he had also served as a member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a board member of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, and several Presbytery and community responsibilities.

On Sunday, September 4, 1966, Dr. H. Edwin Pickard, Th.D., mounted the two steps into the pulpit of White Memorial's sanctuary and preached the first of many sermons. John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." This was the text of the sermon entitled *"By This Will Men Know."*

White Memorial's annual church picnic had been organized and scheduled by the men and women of the church for the following Sunday. It was decided that this would serve as an informal opportunity for the congregation to meet our new pastor and his family. The Sunday church bulletin had the following invitation:

White Memorial
Congregational Picnic

An informal occasion
to meet Dr. and Mrs. Pickard
and their family

September 11, 1966
CAMP DURANT
3:00 p.m. for fun
6:00 p.m. for eating

Bring a double family portion of your favorite food.
Drinks furnished.

COME RAIN OR SHINE.

Not only was Sunday, September 11, 1966, the day for picnicking, it was also the day of a scheduled joint meeting of the officers to which Dr. Pickard expressed his appreciation and that of his family for the warm welcome extended to them. At the following meeting of the Session, Dr. Pickard stated that it was not his philosophy to change everything that was being done at White Memorial, but that he did intend to suggest from time to time that it might be advisable for White Memorial to adopt some methods and procedures that had been followed at his former church in Beaumont, Texas. He also pointed out, however, that there were numerous things now being done at White Memorial that appeared to be much better than the procedures being followed in Beaumont. Several other items were discussed, and the long day and long meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. Dr. Ed. had arrived and was off at a pace which over the years left many in awe at his boundless energy.

Dr. H. Edwin Pickard was installed by the Commission of Granville Presbytery, made up of the Reverend Russell B. Fleming, pastor of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church; the Reverend William R. Smith III, pastor of Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church; the Reverend Albert G. Edwards, D.D., pastor of First Presbyterian Church; the Reverend William C. Bennett, Th.D., pastor of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham, N.C.; the Reverend Polk G. Moffett, associate pastor, and Ruling Elders Glen F. Bitler, D.D.S., Julian Fore, and Newman A. Townsend Jr. of White Memorial. Reverend Bennett, who was the best man at Ed's and Helen's wedding, offered the installation sermon entitled *"The Faith."* Immediately following the installation service, the congregation honored Ed and Helen at an informal reception in the Church House, which was attended by many guests from Granville Presbytery and the community.

Ed assumed command, and for the next 26 1/2 years under his leadership, White Memorial flourished in every phase of its life. Existing programs provided the foundation upon which they were refined, developed, and matured; many, many new programs were commissioned by Ed and White Memorial's excellent staff. During this time, Ed was the consummate preacher and evangelist of new members and was a first-name pastor to all members. His was the unique ability to meet a family, and then with superb recall days or weeks later, not only have their last name on the tip of his tongue, but also the entire family's first names, from the youngest on up!

Dr. Ed also served the larger church during his pastorate at White Memorial: as an exchange minister to the Reformed Church of America, preaching in a Philadelphia, Pa. church; participated as an adjunct professor for a doctor of ministry seminar conducted by Drew Theological Seminary; Davidson College honored Ed with a Doctor of Divinity degree, and these comments summarize the active world of Dr. Ed.:

> *On May 28th, Dr. Pickard was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Davidson College during commencement ceremonies. In the course of the Worship Services that Sunday at White Memorial, the following remarks were given by Mr. Moffett, regarding this honor received by Dr. Pickard. It seems fitting that they be printed here, so the*

whole congregation is aware of this honor given Dr. Pickard.

It is a high honor to be so recognized by one's alma mater, and only a few are so honored over the years. Such honors are conferred in recognition of outstanding achievement in one's career or profession. Those who know Dr. Pickard are surely not surprised that he is the recipient of such honor and recognition. He has indeed had and continues to have an outstanding career of distinguished service to the Presbyterian Church.

He has served well in pastorates in Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas, before coming to White Memorial. He has served on important committees in the Presbyteries and Synods in which he held pastorates, as well as in Orange Presbytery now, and the Synod of North Carolina. He has been a valued member of the General Assembly committees; having served on the Assembly's Christian Education Committee that brought forth the Covenant Life Curriculum; the G. A. Committee that planned the restructuring of our General Assembly, Synods and Presbyteries; at present he is serving on the G. A. Permanent Nominating Committee. He has written church school materials for graded lessons in the area of junior highs.

He has served as chairman of Orange Presbytery's Council, and is currently chairman of the Coordinating Council of the Synod of North Carolina.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Andrews College, and a member of the Board of Visitors of Davidson College and Peace College.

Locally, he has served as President of the Presbyterian Urban Council and the Raleigh Ministerial Association.

Dr. Pickard's able and effective leadership in White Memorial is well known by us all, and continues to be marked by dedication, untiring efort, and wholehearted commitment. So today, White Memorial feels honored, and is glad to rejoice with Dr. Pickard and his family in the honor that Davidson College is bestowing on him. His distinguished record of ministry and involvement in the tasks of the Church are eloquent evidences that this honor is most appropriate.

The "D.D." refueled Dr. Ed for moving ahead in with a busy role in the 1983 merger of the two main arms of the Presbyterian Church. He was moderator of the former Orange Presbytery and upon its formation, he was elected the first moderator of the Presbytery of New Hope. His energy abounds!

The first decade of Ed's White Memorial pastorate was honored by inviting several prominent pastors and church leaders to preach at various times during 1977. Dr. Fred Stair, President of Union Theological Seminary and Dr. James McCord, President of Princeton Seminary were the two lead-off guest preachers in the spring of 1977.

With the completion in 1988 of the fellowship and activitiy building, the activity room was named in Ed's honor - *"Pickard Hall."* The silver anniversary for Ed was

commerated in October 1991, and the Session's resolution caps this quarter century recognition:

There was one item of unfinished business. Elder John McMillan moved adoption of a resolution recognizing Dr. Pickard's 25 years of service to White Memorial. The motion passed a voice vote and follows:

We, the members of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, gather today in two separate places for the worship of God -- some of us in Montreat and others at home in Raleigh.

And yet our hearts and minds move as one in acknowledging the faith and the works of one of God's servants who is our pastor, the Reverend Dr. H. Edwin Pickard.

It has been 25 years since Dr. Pickard, his beloved wife, Helen Little Pickard, and their family said "yes" to our call. From the time they came to us in September 1966, evidence has come in abundance that God was at work in and through that invitation and its acceptance.

Second, by virtue of their upbringing, education, and conviction, Ed Pickard and his family were rooted firmly in the Christian faith and the Presbyterian Church. And they became fully committed to this congregation.

As our pastor, Ed Pickard has been both a keeper and a builder of the faith. In whatever he has undertaken for the church, whether preparing for the Christian ministry or in the ministry itself, he has done it with diligence and thoroughness.

That preparation began in his childhood home and church in St. Petersburg, Fla., and under the influence of his parents, Frank Edwin and Myrta Miller Pickard. it continued during his undergraduate years at Davidson College, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, became class valedictorian, and graduated Summa Cum Laude with an A.B. degree.

In succession, he attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and Princeton Theological Seminary for graduate degrees. He completed his requirements in 1951 for a Doctor of Theology degree from Union, and in 1978 Davidson College conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

In keeping with that denominational tradition, Dr. Pickard in 1949 married Helen Little of Charlotte, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Little. She was a graduate of Flora MacDonald College, and a strong Presbyterian in her own right. The family circle of Helen and Ed Pickard widened in the ensuing years to include four children, Sharon, Cambey, John, and Sara, their respective spouses and seven grandchildren.

Since ordination, Ed Pickard has had pastorates at three churches other than White Memorial: two years at Sunset Hills Presbyterian Church in Charlotte; five years at Orange Presbyterian Church, Orange, Va.; and 12 years at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Beaumont, Texas. He is approaching his 45th year of active ministry.

Dr. Pickard's labors have extended, however, far beyond the bounds of his

own church - to the Presbyterian Urban Council of Raleigh, to Capital Towers, to educational institutions, to Presbytery, Synod, and the General Assembly. His has been a diverse service: moderator of Orange Presbytery and New Presbytery, and co-moderator of the transitional Council in Presbytery "C"; a commissioner to the General Assembly; the holder of many key committee posts in the Presbyterian Church, USA, prior to the reunion of our church branches; a member of the boards of trustees or boards of visitors of many of our institutions of higher learning, including Austin Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, Davidson College, Queens College, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, and Peace College.

He has made numerous contributions as a writer of church literature, especially for youth and including Bible studies, teachers' guides, church school lessons and devotional series. But even as Ed Pickard has guided us and ministered to us, he has found time to play and to sing and to laugh with us as well. That has been true on the golf links and the tennis court, at Camp Sea Gull and in Montreat, at church dinners and the meetings of fellowship groups, in spectator sports, in family gatherings - wherever White Memorial people have come together for recreation or celebration.

In consideration of all the foregoing, we the members of the congregation of White Memorial Presbyterian Church join today in this resolution:

Whereas, H. Edwin Pickard has been the shepherd of our flock for a quarter of a century, and has preached and taught God's word to us and lived it among us; has moderated our meetings with tact and patience, and has sought to further the peace, unity and purity of the church; and

Whereas, Dr. Pickard has baptized our young; has performed our marriages; has counseled us in time of trouble; has visited and comforted our sick; has conducted services of witness to the Resurrection for our dead and preached faith and hope to their survivors; has brought us often to the table of holy communion; has prayed daily with us and for us; had has looked after many of the workday concerns of our congregation and the larger church, and

Whereas, through the years, he and Helen, his wife of 42 years whom death took so recently from us, came to merit the everlasting love and appreciation of this congregation, therefore, let it be resolved on this, the 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1991, that the members of White Memorial Presbyterian Church rise as one in saying:

"Well done thou good and faithful servant. You have walked and witnessed among us by word, and by example, these many years. And we are a stronger people for it, a congregation better able to reach out with the love of Jesus Christ because you came to live in our midst. May God always richly bless you and yours."

On November 8, 1992, Dr. Ed picked up his copy of the Book of Order and wrote to the Session:

November 8, 1992

The Session of White Memorial Presbyterian Church
1704 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, N.C. 27608

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In accordance with the Book of Order, G-14.0601, I must state to the Session my intention to request the Presbytery of New Hope at its stated meeting on February 20, 1993, to dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between me and White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, effective February 28, 1993. Accordingly, I respectfully request the Session to add to the call for the annual congregational meeting, to be held sometime in late January or early February, my desire for the congregation to concur in my request to the Presbytery of New Hope to dissolve the relationship effective February 28, 1993.

You may recall that, when I turned 65, the Session requested that I continue for some years in order to fulfill commitments made to various staff members as they were called. I feel all of these commitments have been fulfilled. And so, since I shall turn 70 on March 7, 1993, and have long promised myself that, if the way be clear, I would take "early retirement," I think February 28 is about as late as I can do this and still meet that goal of "early retirement" before my 70th birthday.

All of you should know how I feel about White Memorial. It is very difficult for any minister to sever relationships with a church that has been so much a part of one's life for 26 and a half years. But that time has come for me, as it must for all. I thank all of you for the wonderful support you have given to me across the years that I have had the privilege of serving as your pastor. As John Calvin would say, "Soli Deo Gloria." which means something like, "Glory to God alone." I pray God's guidance as you seek the new interim pastor, and as you name a search committee and seek a new pastor.

My preference would be that, if at all possible, we defer the public announcement until January when we call the congregational meeting. I'd rather not have all of this intertwined with our celebration of Advent and Christmas. The announcement now to the Session simply takes the first steps of the orderly process with the Presbytery, the Board of Pensions, and Social Security, plus getting an interim pastor in place as I leave. However, I feel that public announcement will diminish my effectiveness over the next couple of months.

As I have often said before, "May God bless us and make us a blessing."

Faithfully yours,

H. Edwin Pickard

There followed a period of standing applause and a prayer of thank you by the Session for Dr. Pickard. On Celebration Day, February 21, 1993, Ed was honored in many ways by each and every one of his parishioners. However, the most endearing gift to Ed was the outpouring of love by the congregation and being named pastor emeritus. His mark is engraved in each and every year of the *"Development Years"* of White Memorial.

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The Associate Pastors

Polk Moffett

Polk was the bridge between the *"Formative Years"* and the *"Development Years"* in White Memorial's history. He was the "pastor" who, in the transition between pastors, held things together and kept the congregation focused on the next step in White Memorial's development. He was active at Presbytery and was often called upon to serve various churches in the position of moderator. Polk's love of preaching and teaching was only surpassed by his love and caring affection for all. He was the prime motivator in White Memorial's involvement in the Southeast Asia refugee problem. On that cold winter day when our first family disembarked at the airport, Polk quickly took off his coat and put it on the summer shirted Laotian family and their two small children.

Polk retired as associate pastor of White Memorial effective July 1980. Unknown to many, Polk was a poet, and as a parting gesture he had these poems published, the donations for which he contributed to the Refugee Committee. Polk really did not retire. He continued to serve as interim and supply pastor in several churches in North Carolina.

Harland C. Merriam Jr.

On March 30, 1980, the congregation called Harland C. Merriam Jr. as associate pastor in Outreach and Congregational Care. Harland and his wife, the former Barbara Barr, are natives of Deland, Fla., where while he was growing up, he was very active in the Presbyterian Church. Harland entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1972 and was awarded a Master of Divinity degree in 1975. Harland and Barbara were married in 1974 and in 1975 moved to Martinsville, Va., where he accepted a call as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Their son Joshua was born in 1978 in Martinsville. The Merriam family was introduced to the members at a churchwide picnic held on the grounds of Peace College in June 1980.

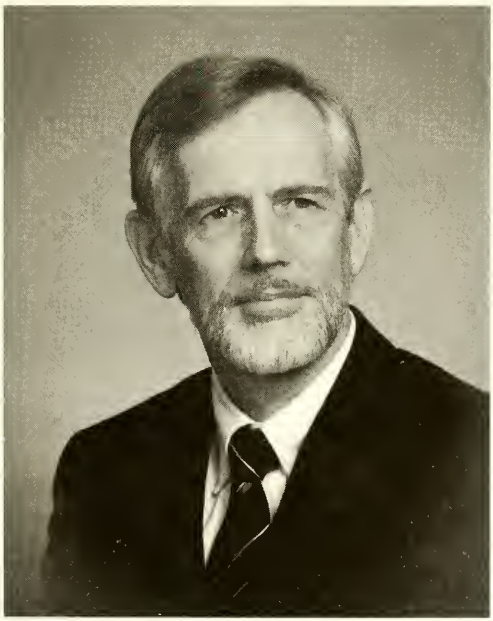
The commission appointed by Orange Presbytery to install Harland C. Merriam as associate pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church met at Raleigh, N.C., on July 13, 1980, at 11 a.m., and was called to order by Dr. Edwin Pickard. Prayer was voiced by A. Pierson Hassell. The following members were present: ministers: Mr. Steven Pharr, Dr. H. Edwin Pickard, and the Reverend Ms. Sandra Sohn; ruling elders: Henry H. Brown, Emmett Fontaine, Berta Fore, Pierson Hassell, Polly Jansen, Mary Neely King, and Marvin Thompson. Dr. H. Edwin Pickard was elected chairman and Mrs. James A. King, clerk of the commission. Guest minister was Dr. William J. Carl III of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery. Guest ruling elder Mr. Stanley Cobb of First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, Va., of Blue Ridge Presbytery was welcomed and invited to sit with the commission.

After organization, a quorum being determined, the commission joined the congregation in a worship service at 11:00, the chairman presiding. Dr. Carl preached the sermon, using as his text Mark 2:13-14, and his topic, "Follow Me." Dr. Pickard propounded the constitutional questions and Sandra Sohn voiced the prayer of installation. Harland c. Merriam was declared fully installed as associate pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. J. Stanley Cobb charged the associate pastor, and Steven Pharr charged the congregation.

Harland C. Merriam, the newly installed associate pastor, pronounced the benediction. Following the service the commission reconvened, read, and approved its minutes and closed its with prayer by Steven Pharr.

While here, Harland was the innovator of such things as mid-winter celebrations, the first of which was a pig pickin'; he adapted the *"4 corners"* strategy of University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill coach Dean Smith and applied it on a trial basis for communion; and he prepared two reports on White Memorial, "A Study in Church Growth" and "Growth Trends and Projections." These were used by the Long Range Planning Committee as the basis for a major campaign to renovate the education building and sanctuary and to construct a new building for education, fellowship, and recreation. Harland resigned November 1984, to accept a call as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

Richard B. Vines



The Reverend Richard Vines was called to White Memorial in March 1985. He is a native of Waynesboro, Va., and a graduate of Davidson College and Union Seminary in Richmond. Ordained to the ministry in 1969, he served as a parish pastor for 14 years as associate in Arlington and pastor in Blacksburg, Va. Dick is certified as a professional counselor by the National Board of Certified Counselors and is licensed by the state of Virginia. Dick and his wife, Jean, were the parents of a son Randy. Both share an interest in music, playing in a high school dance band, and Jean has also served as a church organist.

Dick Vines was installed on June 9, 1985, as White Memorial's pastor in Outreach and Congregational Care (later changed to Congregational Care and Assimilation) with the Reverend Dr. William B. Oglesby Jr. preaching the installation sermon. The Vines family was honored at the churchwide picnic later in the month.

After serving in this position for one and one-half years, Richard Vines resigned his position in January 1987.

Matthew West Covington

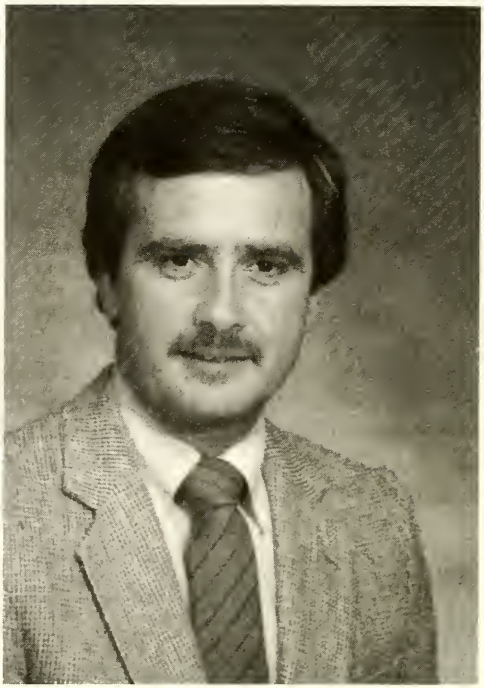
Dr. Matthew W. Covington was called by the congregation in meeting on October 6, 1985, as White Memorial's associate pastor in Community Service and Outreach. Both Matthew and wife Ann are graduates of Davidson College, where after graduation he worked as the development officer as well at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. While at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Ga., he served two Atlanta churches as student interim minister and as director of senior high activities. While at Columbia, Matthew was awarded post graduate study in Cambridge, England. The subject of his doctoral dissertation was the plight of the urban poor and the role of the church in helping them. As he stated, *"it is the desire to care for others - and the resourcefulness to be of help to them - that seems most precious among the gifts I hold in trust from God."*

White at White Memorial, Matthew greatly enriched the congregation's awareness of outreach and enabled members to involve themselves in service. His major legacy to the church is the Step-Up program, which continues as a vital community service project (discussed further in churchwide programs). Matthew's and Ann's most important legacy while at White Memorial was the birth of their two lovely daughters, Claire and Elizabeth. So it was with mixed emotions when Matthew accepted the call to become pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Natchez, Miss. As Ed Pickard stated:

> *" . . . this family will always be quite special to us, and we hate like the mischief to see them leave. We rejoice, though for this great new opportunity that has come their way, and pray God's special serendipities to fit their new lifestyle on the banks of the Mississippi, sipping mint juleps - Presbyterian mint juleps, of course! - and being the parson and first family of First Presbyterian Church . . ."*

Dr. Ed joined the Covington family on Sunday, October 27, 1991, to preach the sermon at Matthew's installation.

Peter Cameron Carruthers



White Memorial's position of associate pastor for Congregational Care and Commitment was most ably filled by the calling of the Reverend Peter Cameron Carruthers in June 1987. Pete is a native of Michigan, grew up in Clearwater, Fla., and completed his undergraduate degree at Florida Southern College. He first earned a Master of Divinity in 1973 from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., and followed up by earning a Master of Theology in Pastoral Care from Columbia in 1983. Since his ordination to the ministry in 1973, Pete served as associate pastor for education and youth ministry in First Presbyterian Church of Gastoria, N.C., as professor and director of supervised ministry, and then dean of students at Columbia Theological Seminary. He had been the Holston Presbytery associate presbyter for camping and conferences when he joined the staff at White Memorial. Pete and his wife, Fran, are the proud parents of four daughters, Courtenay, Meredith, and twins Dalton and Kennedy.

Pete was installed on Sunday, September 27, 1987, and long-time friend and former neighbor, the Reverend Joseph Harvard III, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Durham, N.C., did the honors of the installation sermon.

Pete's congregational care service at White Memorial is highlighted by his personal style of dealing with individuals and by his many programs for the members. Stephen Ministry was initiated and nurtured by Pete and has developed into one of his most successful programs.

Ann Laird Jones

The Reverend Ann Laird Jones, became interim associate pastor for Outreach and Community Ministry in October 1991, coming to us from the interim pastorate at the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church. Ann is a graduate of Eckerd College (formerly Florida Presbyterian College) in St. Petersburg, Fla., and earned her Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. She has served as associate pastor of the University Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, La., and after marriage, began accepting interim positions at some six different churches including interim campus minister at North Carolina State University. Ann and her husband, Mike Caulfield, who is a civil engineer, have a daughter, Sally.

In 1992 when Ann and Mike adopted their new son, Douglas Laird Caulfield, she had to resign her full-time position due to adoption agency regulations about employment for a time after adoption. The church was delighted however when Ann agreed to a call from the Session on a part-time basis as a parish associate, a post which she continued to fill over a period of several years.

Barbara Evans Tesoreo

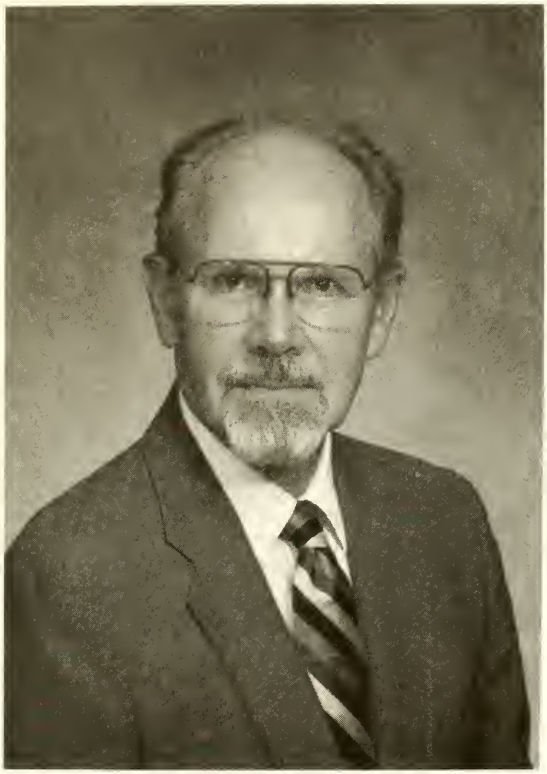
The Reverend Barbara Tesoreo was called by the Session as interim associate pastor for Outreach and Community Ministry in 1992. Barbara moved to Raleigh with her family from Louisville, Kentucky, and is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, having been ordained in 1985. Her husband, Francis, was with Hardee Food Systems, and they have two children, Christina and Jacqueline. Barbara had served on the pastorate of the Strathmoor Presbyterian Church, and was chaplin with the Children's Hospitals of Louisville. Barb's most recent position for the past five years as director of continuing and lay education with the seminary has enabled her to develop strong gifts in administration and commitments to community ministry. Six short months later in March 1993, which were filled with Barb's dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm, she resigned to return to Louisville where her husband had accepted a new position.

Parish Associates

Moderator Ed Pickard in discussion with the Budget Committee, included parish associate funds in the 1983 budget as a one-year experiment. A member from each committee, personnel, congregational service, a congregation member at large, and the pastors were enpowered as a seach committee for the position. White Memorial parish associates for the *"Development Years"* include:

The Reverend Gordon M. Ruff

A graduate of Duke University and Princeton Theological Seminary, Gordon and his wife, Margaret, spent most of his ministry in India and Nepal as missionaries.



The Reverend James B. Tubbs

Jim is a veteran minister of the Presbyterian Church and was called to this position after he retired as pastor of St. Andrews Church in Raleigh. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

The Reverend Ann Laird Jones

(description and picture on page 143)

These then were the ordained pastors who with Ed Pickard moved White Memorial forward through more than a quarter century of the *"Development Years."*

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Bricks and Mortar

A *"Blue Sky Committee,"* appointed to look into plans for long range use of property and stewardship, heard the report of Chair Jake Koomen at a joint meeting of the Session and Diaconate on Sunday, April 21, 1968:

Immediate Needs:
paved parking lot
choir - flower - communion rooms
choir robes
renovate office space
sanctuary carpet
additional office equipment
narthex floor; card holders in pews
additional space (office, library, education storage, etc.)
additional parking space.

Long-term Needs
family - youth center
brides' room
chapel.

It was recognized that each of these items needed an estimated cost, and then the list required prioritizing. The Church Building Planning Council was the new

committee name, and Chair Harold Pitser set to work carrying out the actions that are to this day an advantage in White Memorial's development.

Dover Road property had already been purchased by the church, and the council recommended the purchase of the Davis Street properties, which gave access between the two streets.

In December 1969, the Session chose an architect to develop a proposed building plan and appointed a project committee and a finance committee both to formulate plans to present to the congregation. Peace College hosted the March 15, 1971 congregational meeting, which heard the report of the Building Council and the Building Committee meeting for a $498,000 campaign to:

build and furnish a new administration building;
renovate existing buildings;
liquidate debt on two McDonald Lane houses;
the pledge to St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

At this time interest rates were very low, so this was the justification of refinancing the house mortgages. The new administration building would house administrative offices for the church staff, a library, a chapel, and a basement for recreation purposes. The congregation did approve, however during the debate, a substitute motion to postpone action for 30 days to allow for further consideration and exploration of alternative plans. The motion was duly seconded. It was then moved that the substitute motion be tabled; it was; then the original motion to approve the building and finance plan passed on voice vote, without objection as the moderator ruled. In June, just three months later, $450,000 of the $500,000 goal had been raised. It was at this same meeting that the Session approved the name of the chapel as the James A. Davidson Memorial Chapel, in honor of inactive elder, James A. Davidson.

James Davidson was long known as Raleigh's *"church builder."* All of White Memorial's buildings, including this one were erected under the direct supervision of Mr. Davidson. It was with a certain reticence on his part that the chapel was named in his honor. The chapel seats about 100 people and has been used for worship groups, weddings, and Session and other group meetings. It is a most comfortable chapel for small activities.

Prior to the completion of the administration building, a special committee of Florence Burch, Margaret Terry, Ed Pickard, and Chairman Admiral Patterson, reported to the Session their recommendation of names for various meeting rooms: Christian Education Building:

Mackemie Room - Scout room;
Geneva Room - church hall;
Hudson Room - Session room;

Granville Building:

new administration building;
Davidson Chapel;
Caldwell Library (David and Joseph);
Flora MacDonald Room - parlor;
Edinburgh Room - large meeting room;
Knox Room - youth lounge;
Zwingli Room - conference room;
Calvin Room - conference room;
Witherspoon Room - conference room.

Prior to the formal dedication, on June 30, 1973, an open house for the neighbors of White Memorial was held with hostesses to guide the guests through the new facilities, and they were also given the opportunity to hear the new organ in Davidson Chapel.

Sunday, September 30, 1973, was *"Dedication Day"* for the Granville Building. At 9:30 a.m. the whole church, including all the little children, assembled in Edinburgh Hall and the Knox Room on the first floor for the official passing of the keys and the prayers of dedication. At 11:00 a.m. the congregation gathered in the sanctuary for a rededication of themselves with the Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer, of Richmond, Va., as the preacher. Following the service, there was an old-fashioned picnic on the grounds. There are a host of dedicated WMPCers who contributed to the Granville Building and the renovation of the other buildings:

Project Committee: Elder James Kilgore, chair; Mary Neely King, Elizabeth Brafford, Kay Powell, Warner Hall, James Davidson, Graham Connell, Jean Nottingham, N. A. Townsend Jr.; and church staff members.
Development Fund Campaign: Karl Hudson Jr. and Tom Brafford Jr., co-chairs; John Alexander, Maggie Lewis, Wyatt Taylor, N. A. Townsend Jr., John Milner, Sydnor White, Earl Bardin, William Hessee, Joe Henderson, and Henry Brown.
Building Committee: Graham Connell, chair; Harold Pitser, vice chair; Victor Bell Jr., James Davidson, Joe Henderson, Karl Hudson Jr., Gray Hutchison, James Kilgore, Mary Neely King, Clyde McGee Jr., Bob Rogers, N. A. Townsend Jr., and Sydnor White.
Dedication Service Committee: William Gibson, chair; Berta Fore, Mary Neely King, Jean Nottingham, and church staff members.
Decorating Committee: Maggie Lewis, chair; Lynda McConnell, Ann Marshall, and Margaret Terry.

Just two weeks after the Granville dedication, parking at White Memorial received a big boost when the Dover Road parking (unpaved) lot for 80 cars was opened. The total parking problem was not solved, however. White Memorial has

kept trying to match available parking with its growth.

Almost on the heels of this euphoria, everyone was brought soundly back to earth by the countrywide energy crisis in late 1973. Property Care Subcommittee Chair Tom Barnes quickly put these steps in effect to conserve energy:

- outside illuminating spotlights on the sanctuary turned off;
- thermostats adjusted down to 68 degrees except in seldom used areas which were to be set at 65 degrees;
- high wattage bulbs in outside post lights and stairwells were replaced with 25 watt bulbs.

Another McDonald Lane property was purchased in August 1982, the "Brick House" at number 2006. Interest rates stood at 12%, and church finances were such that the St. Mary's Street duplex was sold in order to complete the purchase. White Memorial's McDonald Lane property now extended from the parking lot north of the chapel to Colonial Road.

Associate Pastor Harland Merriman researched and prepared his reports on White Memorial, *"A Study in Church Growth"* and *"Growth Trends and Projections."* Long range planning used these reports for the creation of a master plan for church expansion that was approved by the Session at its April 8, 1984 meeting. Elder and architect, Gary Bailey of Innovative Design turned the Long Range Committee's work into a plan that would satisfy short-term and long-term needs. Major elements to the plan were increased classroom space, kitchen, large fellowship hall, increased offices, sanctuary expansion, increased off-street parking, improved traffic flow and safety, and covered building access. A key to the entire plan was the assumption that the church would be successful in petitioning the city to close McDonald Lane.

Implementation phases of the plan were:

Phase One: education facilities, fellowship hall and offices - estimate $2 - 2.5 million.
Phase Two: sanctuary expansion - estimate $1 million.
Phase Three: additional educational facility to show potential expansion on longer range basis - not estimated.

Kercher Associates, professional fund raisers, retained during the planning phase, recommended a rule of thumb that capital expansion campaigns should not exceed two to two and a half times the annual budget of the church (1984 annual budget approximately $840,000). The joint meeting of September 9, 1984, approved the concept of the plan as the appropriate direction of White Memorial; it passed by a vote of 80 to 1. The congregation on November 4, 1984, approved phase one of the master plan at an estimated cost of $2,640,000 and also approved a capital campaign, *"Toward A.D. 2000; Adventure in Faith,"* co-chaired by Karl Hudson and Ed Lilly.

From Our Chairmen

Edward G. Lilly, Jr.

Karl G. Hudson, Jr.

Our church is embarking on the most challenging financial program in its history. The need grows out of the church's continued growth in membership and participation. Since its founding in 1945, White Memorial has had consistent growth to a membership of more than 3,100. That figure is expected to exceed 4,000 by A.D. 2000, just 15 years away.

The church's Long Range Planning Committee has completed its year-long study of how White Memorial can best serve our present membership as well as provide for our continued growth. Last fall, the church officers and congregation unanimously approved the report and recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee. The plan calls for new educational, fellowship, and parking space as well as several important and needed renovation projects. The cost of the program is in excess of two million dollars.

To meet these needs, you and every member of White Memorial will be asked to make a sacrificial financial commitment during the five-year period (1985–1990) over and above regular annual contributions to the church. Our church officers already have made their pledges to this program.

We request that you read this brochure carefully. It explains the needs as well as various ways in which you can make a substantial gift.

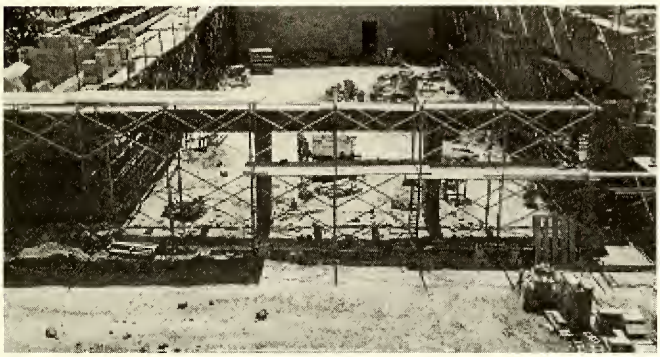
White Memorial is a strong and vigorous congregation. With God's help, we have not failed to meet a major challenge. We believe that with your prayers and sacrificial commitment our congregation will once again rise to meet the challenge before us. The result will be an even stronger congregation and one that is adequately prepared to serve the present and future generations in Christ's name.

Edward G. Lilly, Jr. *Karl G. Hudson, Jr.*

A building committee of Durant Vick, chair, John Milner, Jerry Worley, Anna Hattaway, and Joe Henderson was put in charge of monitoring the work to be done. Prior to the June start of the education building renovation, 50 volunteers helped to move everything from the building, which included 11 pianos!

Meanwhile the Long Range Planning Committee continued its work with the neighbors and the city on closing McDonald Lane. Letters were written, a phone bank was set up to call neighbors in the area. As a show of concern for safety and to alleviate congestion, we requested the city to enforce no parking on the west side of Oberlin Road. White Memorial informed the city of the safety hazard to young people on McDonald Lane and urged all members to attend the City Hall hearing on June 18, 1985. At the August 11, 1985 Session meeting, the moderator announced that he had received a copy of a memorandum from Don Blackburn, Raleigh transportation director, to the city manager, stating that in response to the concerns raised regarding the closing of a portion of McDonald Lane, which runs between the church properties, a study had been undertaken by Mr. Blackburn's department regarding the potential hazards caused by traffic on this portion of McDonald Lane. His conclusion was that no hazard existed. McDonald Lane was to remain open; the master plan had to be revised. McDonald Lane continued to have one-way traffice, however, parallel parking on the east side was stopped. The paving of the Dover Road parking lot was completed, which encouraged more use. Moving day for return to the renovated education building was set for August 24. Plans for the fellowship hall/classroom building were undergoing change because the present building did not conform with the code, and the new building could not be connected to it. A later city authorized variance permitted the connection and the building was also reduced by 2,500 square feet to meet the budget. Construction began on October 1, 1985.

Early in 1986, the Building Committee decided to reduce costs by removing the kitchen from the plan and due to cash flow from pledges and additional costs, the revised plan was increased from $2.6 million to an estimated $3,038,000. The congregation was requested to authorize the Session to borrow as needed beyond the previously authorized $1,000,000 limit.



New Building Construction

The new building was ready for occupancy in November 1986, and at this time the name of the Session/Diaconate meeting place, the Hudson Room, was transferred to the new building. Official dedication took place on Tuesday, January 20, 1987, when Dr. Benjamin Weir, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), was in Raleigh for a special Orange Presbytery service. Governor and Mrs. James G. Martin, who were members of White Memorial, brought greetings and congratulations from the larger Raleigh community.

Throughout these years the sanctuary was used to capacity, and several improvements were made:

- An amplifying system was installed with a triplex horn suspended from the ceiling and a speaker placed in the narthex;
- The new Celtic Cross graces the sanctuary (from June 3, 1971 newsletter):

Did you notice the new cross on the dossal cloth this past Sunday? It has been given in memory of Donald Shoaf Kimrey and Elzie Sharpe Connell by their families. The gift was offered some months ago to the Memorials Committee and to the Session, with its acceptance and design approved by them. We are most grateful to these donors for this very fitting memorial tribute to two men who served faithfully as officers and members of this congregation.

The cross was designed by Whittemore Associates, well-known ecclesiologists of Boston. It was especially designed and crafted by their artists in their own studios, to blend with the decor of White Memorial's lovely sanctuary. Most will recognize that this is basically a Celtic cross, a symbol especially significant to Presbyterians. Splendid examples of this cross are to be found in Ireland and Scotland. It is also sometimes called the Iona cross since a well-known Celtic cross is found on the island of Iona so rich in Presbyterian history. It is generally thought that the circle of the Celtic cross is intended to symbolize enternity. The unbroken circle carries this symbolism. In the center of the cross are the two Greek letters "Chi" and "Rho." They are the first two letters in Greek in the spelling of "Christ." They are usually placed one on top of the other as on our new cross. Students of such matters tell us that this is perhaps the oldest of the symbols for Christ. It may go back even to the first century. In the fourth century, Constantine used it on Roman coins.

The cross is crafted of solid walnut overlaid with gold leaf. Apparently the ecclesiologists painted the center portions white in an effort to tie this to the decor of our lovely colonial sanctuary.

One of the reasons many persons have long wanted a large cross such as this on the dossal cloth has been the seeming incongruity when the cross on the Communion table had to be removed whenever we celebrated Communion. The new symbol will be in place for all services. It is also planned to put the chalice symbolizing Communion on the Communion table at all services. This will serve to remind us, even at those services when Communion is not being celebrated, that we gather in response to God's grace symbolized by what we

do at the Lord's table.

John Calvin started the practice of offering prayers from the Communion table, affirming our faith there at the table, and bringing our offerings to the table. We have been following the liturgy of John Calvin and John Knox for some years now. It makes the Communion table central in our worship. The new cross should enhance that centrality.

Again, we are most grateful to the families of Donald S. Kimrey and Elzie Sharpe Connell who have made this symbolic cross possible. Such a cross always reminds us of our Lord's injunction to take up our crosses and follow him.

† Carillon (from July 12, 1973 newsletter):

A lovely carillon has been given as a memorial. Mrs. Elizabeth Kilgore Gibbs has given this Schulmerich 50-bell installation to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wesley Kilgore. Dr. Kilgore at one time was the state chemist for North Carolina and director of the State Experiment Stations and Extension Work. Later he was dean of Agriculture at N.C. State. Mrs. Kilgore was the former Betty Carrington Dinwiddie, whose father was president of Peace College. For many years she was the organist for the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. Her deep love for church music makes this carillon a most appropriate memorial.

This instrument is known as an "Americana" carillon and is an exclusive development of Schulmerich Carillons, Inc. of Sellersville, Pa. It consists of 50 miniature bell tone generators of bronze bell metal which are struck by metal hammers, producing exact true bell tones almost inaudible to the human ear. These bell vibrations are then amplified over one million times by means of specially designed electronic equipment producing true bell music will all the depth and richness of traditional cast bells of massive proportions. The instrument provides the tonal equivalent of over 100,000 pounds of cast bells tuned to the finest standards. The harp bells, which are a part of the carillon, are a new tone color in bell music and add the mellow beauty of the plucked harp, enabling the musician to play selections which were not possible heretofore. The carillon will be played from its own console. Selector switches will permit the bells to be heard in the building alone, from the tower alone, or both together.

The bells sound the traditional Westminster Chime and strike the hours throughout the day, and at noon and 5 p.m. a short hymn concert is presented. Many of those living in the area have already spoken appreciatively of the "the bells." Since they are utilized before and following morning worship, many worshipers have also expressed appreciation.

A dedication service is (was held) in the fall. We are most grateful for this spendid addition to the music ministry of White Memorial. Plans are also being made to move the former memorial chimes to the new chapel to keep them as part of the memorial organ installation there.

- Through the investigative work of Wiliam I. Powell Jr., the Session approved the installation of a hearing aid system in the sanctuary. This system served well until 1987 when, with new technology, a wireless hearing aid system was installed.
- Pew pocket card holders were installed, thus giving the *"Pew Pocket Ladies"* an ongoing volunteer activity.
- Session sages created a Fine Arts Committee to coordinate the future paint color of the sanctuary, color of the carpet, and the color and style of the new adult choir robes. The committee decided on a paint in the gold family. The congregation discussed indepth the proposed change in color. The moderator called a special meeting of the Session. There was much discussion; motions and counter-motions; a vote on keeping the color gray, was tied but an individual changed, and the count was 9 ayes for gray and 11 nays. On the motion for the gold color, it passed by 11 to 8. Such was the intensity and feelings that the committee decided upon no change, and the paint was gray!
- In anticipation of the North Carolina Synod meeting at White Memorial, the women pitched in and scrubbed the woodwork, polished the brass, sewed missing pew cushion buttons, and just made the sanctuary sparkle.

Now to return to that phase of the master plan dealing with the sanctuary. Renovation was the agreed upon plan, including ceiling repair, acoustics improvement, new tile floors, and steeple/column repair if needed. The sanctuary was closed for renovation on July 1, 1987, and worship services were held in Pickard Hall. Sanctuary renovation was near completion, and it was on Sunday, August 2, when providentially an elder approaching from Dover Road noticed a *"streak of fire"* falling the inside length of one of the large sanctuary windows. Rushing to the locked chancel doors, he could see the flames beginning to spread. About this time, the elders were lined up to proceed into Pickard Hall to serve communion. When told of the fire, they quickly dispersed; the sexton unlocked the sanctuary doors; a 911 call brought the firemen from Firestation #6, and together the collective group held damage to a minimum. Fifteen pews were replaced. Finally in an August 1987 newsletter, Ed reported,

> *"The sanctuary is just beautiful; I love the marble floor up in the chancel; it just looks elegant. I think the white Celtic cross with the gold leaf trim against the grey background is just breathtaking. The choir and organ never sounded better. We in the choir could actually hear the congregation singing for the first time. The new carpet in the aisles feels so good when you walk on it. The narthex is so improved with the new marble floor. The new sound system is so much better - why you can hear well everywhere. Esthetically and accoustically the sanctuary renovations are to be commended."*

These are just some of the comments overheard following our first utilization and rededication of the renovated sanctuary this past Sunday. We are grateful to the general contractor and to the subcontractors; to the architect and building committee; to the custodial and office staff and others who helped us finish up the sanctuary work, clean up, and move in just two weeks after the fire. Even though 15 of the pews are to be replaced by our insurance, we are grateful for the splendid work of our painting contractor, Mr. Willis Lee, who cleaned up the old pews and painted them well enough that we shall be able to use them during the three to six months it will probably take to have new ones specially crafted to match the others. These "restored pews" really have character. Indeed, they look a little like some of the pews have been through several fires, and maybe wars and bombings, but have had the pock marks and the broken laminations painted over. They now look like genuine antiques!

Again,we are grateful to God and to all those who worked so hard to make our meeting place with God even more special. We shall show our gratitude by the use of this sacred space.

Property at 1705 Oberlin Road (across from the church) was purchased in 1990. The assets of this property were two-fold to the church: 1) it was considered adjacent to the church property, and 2) the back of the lot bordered on our Dover Road parking lot, so that this parking area could be considered adjacent to the church for zoning purposes. Work continues to adapt this property as part of White Memorial's parking area.

As we close these *"Development Years"* period, White Memorial with its continued growth, stretches the limits of its physical plant. Innovative and creative use of our buildings and our limited land confront us with serious challenges.

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Education - Part II

White Memorial's part-time director of Christian Education (DCE), Mary Neely King, was very close to getting tenure when in October 1966, the Session decided to elevate her from a part-time employee to full-time status, this happening after 32 months of serving the church. Mary Neely continued as DCE for an additional 13 months, during which time the Christian Education Committee that she helped create was renamed to the Committee on Strengthening the Church. This is attributed to the broad impact that education has throughout the life and work of the church. The Session by formal action expressed its deep appreciation for Mary Neely's direction for over three years, for her diligence, creativity, and splendid spirit of cooperation. She served White Memorial well! More will follow.

Gladys Dillard was called and began her work as director of Christian Education on December 1, 1967. Gladys came to White Memorial after serving the Presbyteries of Louisiana, south Texas, and west Texas. Originally from Gladewater, Texas, she is a graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond. Upon graduation she served as DCE in two Texas churches. Appropriately Gladys Dillard was honored at a reception following the Christmas communion service, at which time the communicants were likewise received. Her immediate schedule was somewhat of a whirlwind as wrote the lead article on "change" in the newsletter followed by speaking to the women of the church at their January 1968 luncheon.

After a full year of youth work and staff direction, on February 1, 1969, Gladys responded to a call from her home state of Texas, returning to San Antonio's First

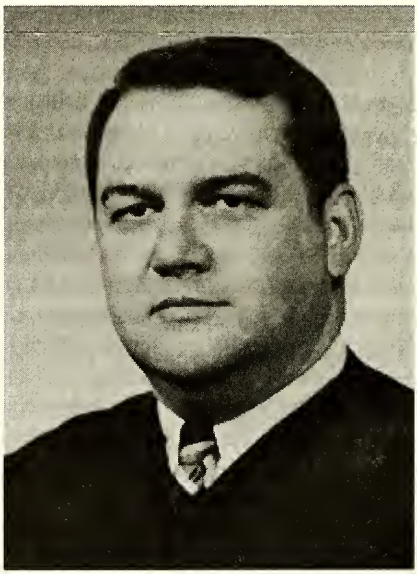
Presbyterian Church.

As noted earlier (more to follow). The newsletter of January 30, 1969, reports the following:

Mrs. James (Mary Neely) King Accepts Interim Appointment as DCE

Mrs. James King who served formerly as acting director of Christian Education has been employed by the Session to serve as DCE on an interim basis from February 1 through May, or until a new DCE is secured. We appreciate her willingness to help us out in this way.

As the month of May closed, the church was fortunate enough to secure the services of Mrs. Timothy Garner as the summer DCE. Mrs. Garner was a graduate of Agnes Scott College and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. She had been teaching at Peace College and NCSU. The summer term of assignment was made to order for both the church and her, as she and her husband would be going to the University of Virginia in the fall. Meanwhile, the DCE Search Committee, working with the personnel service of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, recommended Kenneth Martin Doxey Jr. as White Memorial's DCE. The Session approved his hiring effective September 1, 1969.



Ken Doxey

Ken was a native of Poughkeepie, N.Y., and had worked for IBM's personnel organization in several locations. While in Lexington, Ky., as a layman participating

actively in the worship and work of the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Ken was challenged to leave his work with IBM and enter full-time church work. He went to the Presbyterian School of Education for one year and then served the Maxwell Church and the Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charleston, W. Va. He brought special skills in administration and a wide background of work with young people to his role as DCE at White Memorial. Ken was given the additional duties of business manager in January 1972. Tentative plans were to hire an assistant director of Christian Education. However, upon the resignation of the pastor of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, Dottie DuBose, an experienced director of Christian Education, was called to White Memorial as a full-time DCE.

Dottie DuBose

Dottie is a native of Clinton, S.C., has her Bachelor's degree from St. Andrews Presbyterian College and a Master of Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Va. Her competency has been attested by her certification at the highest of three levels as a director of Christian Education by the General Assembly's Committee on Certification of Lay Workers. In addition to Dottie's educational competencies, she has a deep interest in recreation. This equipped her very well to direct the church's summer community recreation program, which first began in 1971 as a special service White Memorial rendered to the community, utilizing the Daniels Junior High School gymnasium. She eventually developed the recreational ministry throughout the entire congregation while building a sound educational program. Dottie conducted marriage counseling, seminars,

prepared a basic procedure for the church Sunday School staff, and was active in the Presbyterian Urban Council of Raleigh (PUCR), serving in the PUCR Youth Ministry and was PUCR's first woman president in 1980-81.

Dottie DuBose resigned as White Memorial's DCE in 1981 to enter into a doctoral program at NCSU, where she had been awarded a research fellowship. She was honored by many in the church where she had been a friend and counselor to hundreds of young people and an inspiration to countless teachers. The staff and congregation joined in wishing her well as she served White Memorial well.

Martha Stevenson

Martha McFarland Stevenson was called as White Memorial's Director of Christian Education in October 1981. Martha is a native of Concord, N.C., and graduated in the last class of Flora MacDonald College prior to its merging to form St. Andrews Presbyterian College. She holds a Master of Religious Education degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York, and also during a sabbatical leave, she spent time in clinical pastoral education. Martha is also an ordained ruling elder of the church. She joined White Memorial from the DCE post at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church of Bethesda, Md., and has also served as DCE at the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Va., and also at the First Presbyterian Church of High Point. Martha is a highly skilled administrator, a competent educator, and a valued member of the staff. These skills have been sought by others such as Presbytery, and she is a Montreat trustee and has chaired the Mountain Retreat Association Board of Directors and served as chair of the Search Committee for a

new executive director of the Montreat Conference Center. Martha's Montreat involvement has progressed mightily since her high school days as a world mission conferee and as an Assembly Inn waitress during her college years.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College through the Synod of North Carolina, awarded Martha the 1985 Margaret Walker Bowen Award for distinguished service to Christian Education, an award reserved for the very few who are recognized as leaders in the field.

In recognition of her 10th anniversary as DCE of White Memorial, the Session at its December 15, 1991 stated meeting, summed up Martha's dedication in this resolution:

Whereas Martha McFarland Stevenson has given 10 years of loving and faithful service as director of Christian Education at this church, and out of our desire to celebrate her abundance of gifts for ministry: deep Christian faith, quiet, capable leadership, ability to work with others, creative vision, intelligence, distinguished organizational skills, imaginative teaching, inner and outer beauty, theological depth and breadth, friend to all children, commitment to peace and justice!

Therefore let it be resolved that our exclamations of love be heard this day, as we thank God for your continuing ministry amongst us.

During these *"Development Years"* others who have contributed to the church's Education/Strengthening programs are:

Greg Henley, Princeton Seminary student interim	1977-78
Bill Shillady, Duke Divinity interim	1978-80
Linda Snodgrass, Duke Divinity interim	1978-80
Ernie Mills, Duke Divinity interim	1980-81
Lee Stroud, Duke Divinity interim	1980-81
Gail Thompson, coordinator, Youth Ministry	1981-83
Anna Brown, director of Youth	1983-85
Harriet Worley, interim director of Youth	1985-86
Evelyn McMullen, director of Youth	1986-89
Jeff Ferrel, Recreation director	1991
Bob Ames, director of Youth	1990-94
& director of Youth in Mission	1994-95
Lib Parkin, director of Preschool Ministries	1992-1994

White Memorial's weekday school was and continues to be one of the stronger programs evolving over the years to accommodate the daily education needs of children that are not addressed by the public school system. It has consistently been recognized throughout the community as the school for your child. Outstanding teachers and leadership have contributed to this success. Director Myrle Fisher

brought the school into the *"Development Years"* and led it to high achievement for a 15-year period, when she retired in 1968. Members of the board, faculty, and church staff honored her at a luncheon at the College Inn. Myrle faithfully served the weekday school, and the church was grateful to her and to God for her service in this capacity.

Aulene Henderson was nominated and employed by the weekday school board as its director in 1968. She had been with the school as a teacher for nine years, was a member of West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, and a children's work consultant for Granville Presbytery. As a professional, Aulene led early childhood education conferences in Montreat and in 1972 was elected president of the North Carolina Association of Childhood Education. In the spring of 1981, Aulene Henderson resigned as director of the weekday school.

Ann Thompson of the weekday school board was appointed interim director. The Search Committee, after reviewing a group of 26 very strong candidates, called Ann as the new director in May 1981.

Betty Hubbard succeeded Ann Thompson as director of the weekday school in May 1985 at the close of that school year. Her service within White Memorial includes the Long Range Planning Committee, vice president of the Women of the Church, chair of Colony Care, and is a ruling elder.

White Memorial's weekday school continues to evolve over the years into a very proficient school. Early on they discontinued the first grade when it became evident that the public schools were offering an improved program. Later they created a class for 2 year olds, and at the same time merged the Mothers' Day Out program into the weekday school on a trial basis. The State Department of Public Instruction inspects and certifies the weekday school. This involves a lot of work and requires completion of a lengthy questionnaire. At the time of one inspection, the school's exploring laboratory was the only one of which the inspectors were aware and sent people from other towns to view it. The school was selected to host a team of 10 educators from Norway. Chapel is held weekly with the White Memorial staff taking part. Starting in 1950 with about 50 students and a staff of 3, the school quickly grew to an average of 250 students and 35 staff people over the past 20 years. It has been self-supporting over the years, and in fact at one period in the church history, the church "borrowed" from the school in times of reduced cash flow and once to purchase a new multilith (copying) machine. The school now annually contributes to the operating budget of the church in partial payment for space, utilities and other services. The school has been, is, and remains a valuable asset in the life of White Memorial.

Through the years Christian Education has always been a top priority of White Memorial. The fact that the founders first *"brick and mortar"* was the education building attests to this; and the structures that followed signs and seals the priority of the education program. This is all well and good, but structures are but a small piece of the total investment and life of the education program. Literally hundreds of volunteers, teachers, helpers, aides, support teams, youth, parents, grandparents, and friends are the life blood, assisting the professional staff to make it all work from the cradle roll to the adult classes. Let's look into some of the activities of the

Christian Education process:

- The Sunday classes average 41 and involve 230 teachers; the buildings hum with laughter, music, singing, and solemn and joyful prayer;
- Daily Vacation Bible School began in the first year and continues to this day; it is supplemented with Day Camp, a children's club, Summer in the City, a Christmas in July program, Terrific August Three Days, and Wild, Wild Wednesdays (4th and 5th grades);
- Youth programs abound from the days of the Youth House, a McDonald Lane brick house across from the sanctuary; Ernie Page with a youth committee of Sharon Pickard, Leslie Hamilton and Ken Stine were prime movers; a favorite was the post football game parties, chaperoned of course. The youth really felt ownership and kept it cleaned and painted. Youth have traditionally done a worship service since 1968; also about that time they began to wear their caps and gowns to the Graduation Sunday breakfast and worship service; there have been lock-ins, for whatever reason, but not for sleep; communicant classes are normally held twice a year with the young people joining the church at Christmas and Maundy Thursday;
- Youth outreach has stretched from Raleigh, to other states and overseas to Ireland. Locally they have hammered nails and painted Habitat Houses, distributed food at the Wake Relief Food Pantry, helped at the O'Berry Center for Retarded Children , participated in the Presbyterian Urban Council of Raleigh (PUCR) youth group on Operation Warmup - insulating homes of elderly people in south Raleigh; a singing group; youth ministry workshop. Mission trips have taken them to New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, and several times to the Appalachia area and a trip to Northern Ireland. It should be noted that the youth earn a major portion of the financing for these trips.
- Recreation for the church was expanded for the community; Daniels Junior High gym was used for basketball and other summer activities; golf tournaments of which Bill Gibson was the winner of the first WMPC open; tennis at which Dottie DuBose excelled and Nancy Fitzgerald won the city title for under 18-year-olds; softball had some down years and then up years when they won the championship and went to the state tournament; volleyball and basketball moved to the forefront with the opening of Pickard Hall activity center along with aerobics and conditioning classes;
- A higher education scholarship fund was established on a small scale in 1975 and grew slowly until in 1992 the estate of Reginald and Julie P. Allred endowed a $700,000 scholarship fund for people attending Presbyterian (or related) school; juniors and seniors have benefitted from the St. Andrews Presbyterian College's vocational guidance program for many years;
- Montreat's varied conferences for all ages attract White Memorial participants each year;
- There is children's track worship at the 11:00 service for preschool children; a children's bulletin has also been available for some time;
- Kerygma studies began in 1980; White Memorial is host to PUCR's Monday

morning Bible studies by Presbyterian pastor and Duke Bible professor Mickey Efrid; summer forums addressing a broad range of subject matter and led by both WMPC and community people have been very successful;

- Scouting has always been sponsored by White Memorial, and at one time we had the complete structure of the program: Cubs, Webelos, Scouts, Explorers, Sea Ship. In 1992 the church began participating with troops on the God and Country Award program;
- White Memorial's library was started by the women of the church and then became part of Strengthening. Audrey Barnes, who became chair of the library in 1966, and Lucille Watkins were the leaders who developed it into a major resource for the entire church.

These are but a few examples of the diversity of the Education and Strengthening activities at White Memorial, which attracts new members and provides an exciting means of spiritual development to all.

One of our educators shares her views on one of the most important aspects of the church's work — youth ministry.

Many times when we hear someone mention "youth program" we think of church school and Sunday evening fellowship. However, youth work is far more extensive as it reaches into varied areas of the church's life. Involvement of young people in the overall life of the church probably could best be described as a ministry rather than a program. It would seem that referring to youth work in terms of program only would limit ourselves to a number of planned activities, whereas a ministry provides various other opportunities for individual growth in addition to the activities.

In our ministry with youth here at White Memorial, we set as a goal the development of Christian character. This development includes knowledge of the Bible, sensitivity to others, responsibility, cooperation, and a growing closeness to God. In order to develop Christian maturity we must first of all determine where the young people are in their growth. What are their needs and interests? Then again, what turns them off? White Memorial is fortunate to have many young people with many different characteristics; therefore, it is necessary to offer a variety of experiences: some group experiences, some individual ones; some study opportunities, some fun ones; an inexpensive retreat, a big trip; a musical group, a group that simply enjoys each other's company; services to young people, services to others performed by young people. As you can well see, youth ministry is far broader than just a church school class and fellowship groups.

Basically, youth work can be divided into two categories - ministry to youth and ministry by youth. Both of these work hand-in-hand, for it is through the church's work with youth that they are enabled to reach out to others.

One of the most vital activities furnished young people is church school because there they are given the opportunity to learn the fundamental principles of our Christian faith. Sunday evening fellowship groups are another important aspect of youth ministry. They strive to keep three things in balance: study, fun, and service. This fall with the arrival of our new director of music, the music program for youth will be expanded to include a junior high singing group as well as a senior high group. In addition to serving young people in these areas, some of the other main things the church provides are career and personal guidance programs for juniors and seniors in high school, communicant classes, study retreats, spring trips, and summer "re-creation" programs.

At White Memorial we find that many of our young people participate in many of the above activities, but also are active in their ministry to others. They help with church nurseries, serve on various Sessional committees, teach in Vacation Church School, help plan and lead day camp, decorate bulletin boards, and furnish clerical help from time to time. Some serve as student teachers in our church school, while others are service assistants in our worship service. During the coming year with the formation of a new Youth Visitation Committee, others will devote time to visiting youth who are members but not already attending and youth whose families are prospective members. And, of course, many engage in various service projects sponsored by their respective youth groups.

Because of many varied interest and needs of our youth, it would be highly idealistic to think that all young people would participate in all aspects of youth ministry. However, it is hoped that every person at White Memorial would be able to find at least one spot at which he might tie into the overall ministry of the church.

If you are a teenager, parent, brother or sister, a teacher, a youth advisor, or anyone else who works with young people, you probably are more attuned to what is taking place in youth ministry here at White Memorial than is someone who does not fall into one of these categories. However, because you are not associated in any of these obvious ways, does not mean you do not have a role in youth ministry. First, as a member of the church, we all have an automatic connection because this ministry is one of the main concerns of our church. Secondly, youth work is not confined to just the immediate youth of the church, but is far more extensive in that it has to start long before the teenage years when a person is still a child. Youth activities grow out of children's activities so, therefore, we must have a strong children's emphasis in order to build a solid foundation for the program that is to follow in later years. Likewise, young people grow into adults, so we need to have something to offer when they mature into adulthood. Essentially what I am trying to say is that youth ministry to be effective must be seen alongside of our ministry to children and to adults. It simply represents one of the stages that all of us go through, so should be treated as such. Since we all pass along the path

of being a youth at some time, we naturally have reason for concern about what is going on in this area.

Well, what specifically can you do to aid in youth ministry? If a teenager, then support your church in some way or another. Support does not always come in the form of accepting what is already there, but if it doesn't, it means that we will at least actively work to change what needs changing rather than sitting back and criticizing. If a parent or other relative, encourage your young person to take his membership in the church and all that goes along with it seriously. If interested and talented in communicating with young people, volunteer to work with them as part of your service to the church. If already a leader, then be dedicated enough to know the people with whom you are working and offer Christian guidance whenever necessary. If someone without direct association, you can help too by being interested in what is going on, trying to be open and understanding of youth and leaders, thereby furnishing much needed support.

In summary, work with youth is definitely a ministry which extends through all phases of the church's life. And just as it reaches into all areas, it needs the help of all of us. Let us each one do our part to strength this vital ministry.

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Music - Part II

John Farmer Cole served as choir director and organist at White Memorial for 19 years, 1947-66. He resigned in June 1966, and was honored in absentia at the annual congregational meeting in November for his long and dedicated service with a silver bowl gift and a standing ovation. Though he was not present at this meeting, he really loved his church that upon his death, White Memorial received one-half of an estate in excess of $240,000.

The music program advanced over the next decade by the efforts of a series of choir directors and/or organists who were:

Leon Fleming, director	1950-51
H. Martin Ledoux, director	1951-57
Ken Parker, director	1957
Ted Cramer, director	1957-58
Bill Byrd, director	1959-67
Betty Hunt, organist	1966-67
Gloria Green, organist	1967
A. Neal Smith, director	1967
Gloria Perry, director, Youth Choir & soloist	1967
James Dellinger, director	1967-70
Catherine Miller, organist	1967-71
David Lynch, director	1970-71
Peggy Barksdale, director	1971

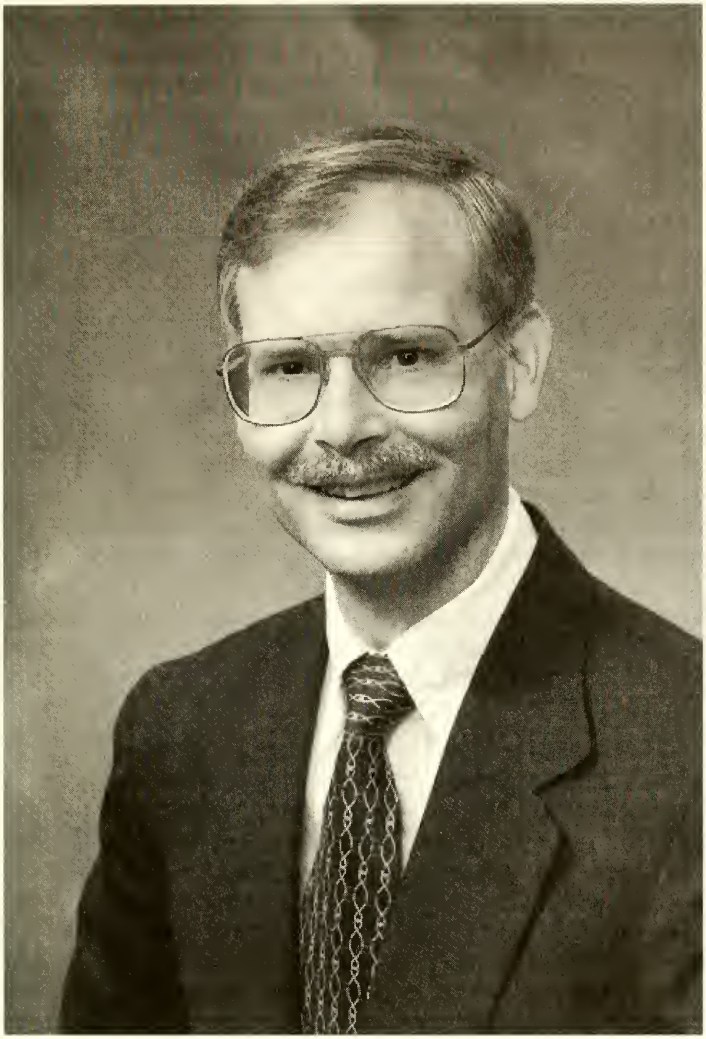
Herb Parkes, director/organist	1971-74
Catherine Miller, director/organist	1974
Bill Weisser, director/organist	1974-76
Joanna Baitinger, director/organist	1976
Brock Downward, director/organist	1976-present
Cindy Castleberry, student interim	1980
Janet Dopler, assistant director	1989-93
Ginny Gada, director of Cherub/Carol Choir	1984-present

The Music Committee with the resignation of the choir director in 1970 informed the Session that they wanted to hire a full-time music director to handle the total music program. The moderator indicated that there were educational advantages in having a full-time director, as the director could attend staff meetings and coordinate the music with other programs. Dr. Pickard stated that he was favorable to the idea of having a full-time music director. Thus with Session approval, White Memorial's music ministry began its quest for a professional to develop and direct its music program.

Dr. Brock W. Downward was called as director of Music and organist in April 1976, and assumed the position on July 1, 1976. Brock is a graduate of Oberlin College (Ohio), receiving his Bachelor of Music degree. He continued his studies at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, N.Y., where he earned both his Master's and his Doctorate of Musical Arts (D.M.A.) degrees. Brocks is a native of Greenwich, Conn., and together with Polly, his wife, have formed an outstanding membership of service at White Memorial. Before joining White Memorial and during his years of graduate studies, he served as organist and choirmaster at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church in Rochester, N.Y. Not only has Brock developed a superb music program at White Memorial, he has as a collegial staff member become a caring and supporting professional to the members by sharing in such things as counseling, visitation, etc.

In March 1980, Brock was elected to Pi Kappa Lambda (the musicians' Phi Beta Kappa), a national honor society for music and later became a certified church musician, an honor bestowed by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Brock is also an adjunct faculty member of Meredith College and serves on the Editorial Board of Reformed Liturgy and Music, a publication of the Presbyterian Church.

Brock has been active in the Montreat music programs, in fact at his first meeting with the Session, he reported on his work there at the previous week's conference.



Brock Downward

The number and breadth of the choirs have grown during these *"Development Years,"* enhancing the music of the church:

Sanctuary Choir
Adult Bell Choir
Cherub Choir
Carol Choir
Joyful Noise Choir
Joyful Noise Choir Chimes
Youth Choir
Youth Bell Choir
Beginning Youth Bell Choir

Accompanying the voices of the choirs are many gifts in honor and in memory of people to whom music has been an integral part of their lives:

- A memorial gift by the family of the late George H. Dunlap, White Memorial deacon, enabled the church to purchase a complete set of 49 Schulmerich handbells. Quite providentially, Peggy Barksdale had handbell experience and helped to get these choirs started.
- A Schulmerich carillon was given in 1973 by Elizabeth Kilgore Gibbs in memory of her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wesley Kilgore, and dedicated at the first anniversary of the Granville Building in May 1974;
- Advent, the start of the church year, Sunday, December 2, 1979, welcomed the new robes for the Sanctuary Choir. They were three years in process, during which time the Robe Selection Committee of Betty Stoddard, chair, Liz Dean, Paul Peeples, and Ann Thompson brought a difficult job to its conclusion. Gifts for the new robes were made by an anonymous member of the congregation, members of the choir, memorial funds, and the White Memorial Presbyterian Foundation.

Robes

The choir robes consist of three components, plus a cross.

The cranberry colored ALB is a garment traditionally worn by clergy and choristers.

The COTTA is a loose-fitting white vestment worn over the ALB.

The SCAPULAR, which also fits over the robe, is a loose, sleeveless garment that hangs from the shoulders. It was worn as a badge of affiliation in ancient Europe.

The ALB, COTTA, and SCAPULAR are used in varied combinations to reflect the seasons of the church calendar. A picture of what robe to wear is displayed in the hall near robing rooms.

The ALB with the cross is used during Advent and Lent. This denotes simplicity, preparation and the hope of these two seasons. For festival days (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost) the SCAPULAR is worn with the ALB and cross. (The crosses are kept in a box and distributed when needed.)
For the majority of the year, the ALB is worn with the COTTA.

The robes were purchased in 1979 from the C. M. Almy & Sons of Greenwich, Conn.

- Catherine Miller, much revered choir director and organist for several terms over many years, was honored by a gift from five members of a festival trumpet stop added to the Schantz organ in 1985.
- In 1987 a set of Ludwig timpani (kettle drums) was purchased from the George Geoghegan Memorial Music Fund. Over the years the effect of the drums played by Steve Clements has enhanced the magnificence of the music.
- Davidson Chapel attendees witnessed the dedication in July 1989, of a "state of the art" custom-made Allen Digital Computer organ, given by Jeff Snyder in memory of his wife Dorothy. Brock reports that it is the closest imitation of the equivalent of a 22-rank pipe organ that can be duplicated electronically.
- Some 300 members and friends purchased over 600 of the new blue Presbyterian hymnals for use in the sanctuary and chapel.

A wide range of music ministry has not only brought joy to the people *"at home"* in White Memorial but has also been welcomed and applauded in other locations:

- The sanctuary choir has been invited to sing at Williamsburg, Va., National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., the Spoleto Festival (Charleston, S.C.), and Asheville, N.C. to name a few.
- The youth presented Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat several times around the community.
- *"Plum Puddings"* have been a church favorite since inaugurated by "Director Brock" and the sanctuary choir. They soon outgrew Edinburgh Hall and moved into the sanctuary, where after feasting, such programs as *"Winter Star," "Amahl and the Night Visitor,"* and others were performed.
- Brock's special music on holy days always fills the sanctuary; the orchestra accompaniment has delighted the crowds over the years.
- The *"Spareribs,"* a happy parody-singing, group of tee-shirted women has made people laugh since their inception at a midwinter celebration.
- The bell choir has matured and several offspring choirs now provide "ringing" enjoyment to the congregation.

May 1989 saw the retirement of a member of White Memorial's music ministry; this announcement briefly relates this woman's outstanding contributions:

CATHERINE RITCHEY MILLER

Interim Organist, White Memorial Church - 1947
Organist, Edenton Street United Methodist Church - 1948-67
Organist, White Memorial Church - 1967-71
Substitute Organist, White Memorial Church - 1972-89

At the time of her retirement, the Session of White Memorial Presbyterian Church extends its thanks on behalf of the congregation to Catherine Ritchey Miller for her many years of service. Through her musical gifts, Catherine has brought joy, comfort, and inspiration to thousands of people. Through her infectious enthusiasm for the organ and its music, her teaching at Peace College and her work at White Memorial, Edenton Street United Methodist, and other churches, Catherine has given much of herself to the Raleigh community. We honor Catherine on this Fourteenth Day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Nine, with the title:

ORGANIST EMERITUS

and pray for God's blessing upon her as she continues to share her love of music with others.

Soli Deo Gloria.

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Churchwide Programs

Women of the church (WOC) continued to expand its programs and strengthen its activities both internal and external to the church during the *"Development Years."* The women sponsored a prayer and meditation, quiet time in the sanctuary; as noted in the newsletter column, *"With Our Men in the Service,"* they prepared Ditty Bags for service men in Vietnam; tutoring at Sherwood Bates Elementary and Daniels Junior High Schools as well as providing readers to the Governor Morehead School for the Blind and participating in the Right to Read program, were special service projects of significant interest to many women; they continued their clothing program at one time gathering *"Dorcas Dresses"* for Dorothy Dix Hospital patients. In 1979 the women started the Clothing Closet in a real closet in the education building and now Ruth Reed, Lynda McConnell, and a great group of volunteers receive clothing at the brick house Clothing Closet. They have supported Halifax Court Daycare Center for many years; one project was the redecoration of a dormitory at the Polk Youth Center. Circle #4 joined together in 1972 to assist a burned out family. Circle #14 began putting a rose in the narthex for each new baby in White Memorial, and this tradition now graces the sanctuary above the baptismal font. Green stamps were collected as part of a joint effort of Church Women United in order to purchase a vehicle for the N.C. Migrant Ministry. (A total of 8 vehicles in 12 years were obtained in this manner for the migrant ministry.)

The year 1971 marked the 25th anniversary of the church and the women of the church. Jean Speck penned this poem especially for the silver anniversary of the women of the church:

A chain of silver links us to the past,
Binding us in service and concern to Mary,
Martha, Dorcas, and the rest who sought our Lord
To worship and to learn.

Our circles are a fragment of the whole,
A small but shining arch. We thankfully
Look back, yet yearn with all our soul to come
Full circle, Lord at last to thee.

In April 1975 White Memorial's women hosted the annual meeting of the women of Orange Presbytery in the sanctuary. Some 123 Presbyterian churches from 18 counties of Orange Presbytery were represented.

There follows a *"Birthday History of Women of the Church"* reported in the April 17, 1980 church newsletter:

In 1922, 10 years after the Woman's Auxiliary (now Women of the Church) of the Presbyterian Church, USA was formed, women sought an appropriate way to celebrate what the auxiliary had meant to them. That spring the superintendent of Woman's Work, Mrs. Hallie Paxson Winsborough, toured mission stations in the Orient. During her visit to Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan, Mrs. Winsborough saw inadequate facilities and crowded rooms. And there she found a perfect way to observe the upcoming birthday; giving a gift to others! Returning home, she challenged all the women of the church to give a "birthday gift" to those schoolgirls in Japan. Thus began a tradition of annual Women of the Church birthday celebrations during the month of May.

Since that time the Women of the Church have celebrated their birthday each May by giving gifts at home and abroad. Through the years these gifts have totaled over $10,000,000.

May 1980 marks the 58th birthday. The 1980 Birthday Offering will serve to strengthen youth ministry across the Presbyterian Church in the USA through a project called the "Tithe of Life."

The Women of the Church revived the Honorary Life Membership in the WOC Presbyterian Church, USA in 1976. The recognition had not been awarded since the 1950s, so the honor was conferred upon one whom the local congregation, Presbytery, or Synod selects for faithful service through some areas of church work. Harriet Holler was the first recipient of this newly revived program, and it is appropriate to include the following writeup:

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
to
MRS. DAN F. HOLLER
by
The Women of White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, N.C.
1976

The recipient of this award was born in St. Pauls, N.C., on April 3, 1916 - the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McGoogan. She grew up in St. Pauls where she graduated from high school. She attended Woman's College (now known as UNC, Greensboro) from which she was graduated in 1936 with a degree in institutional management.

During her years at Women's College, she attended the Church of the Covenant Presbyterian Church where her sister, Mary Louise, was a DCE. Another strong tie to the church was her sister Margaret's husband, who is a Presbyterian minister. Strengthening her affiliation with the church were three years of service on the campus Westminster Council.. Her leadership abilities emerged early as she held class offices each year, and served as house president and president of the Home Economics Club, and was a college hostess. She also sang in the Vesper Choir.

Following her graduation from Women's College, she attended Florida State College for Women, now known as FSU, for a year of graduate study. She returned to her alma mater where she served as assistant dietitian for a year. Providentially, she assumed the duties of home economics agent in North Wilkesboro where she met her boss, the county extension agent. In 1940 she returned to Raleigh for graduate studies at NC State College. On August 6, 1940, Dan Forney Holler married Harriet McGoogan. They have continued to make Raleigh their home.

They had three children: Dan Forney Holler Jr., who lives in Virginia Beach; Lee, who died in infancy; and Nancy Lewis, who lives in Germantown, Md.

Harriet continued her career in the institutional food field through her work at the YWCA, and at Meredith College, where she was assistant dietitian and then dietitian. For two years, she was area supervisor of the State School Food Services. She has received commendations from friends and associates all over North Carolina. Her background and interest in the home economics field have been shared in her organizing the local Homemakers Club and currently in serving on the YWCA Food Services Committee.

Paul describes Harriet's kind of dedication in Romans 12:10-11:

"Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love . . . Fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

This service came to fruition as Harriet and Dan watched the dream of a new church become a reality - White Memorial Presbyterian Church, of which they were charter members. Harriet served as interim DCE at White Memorial and has taught Sunday School for many years, working primarily with the youth. She was a

member of the Building Committee at the time of the construction of the first permanent building at White Memorial - the education building.

Hers is a remarkable record of service in the Women of the Church. Among other offices and duties, she has been a circle chairman, spiritual growth chairman, and circle Bible leader for many years, and served as president in 1954-56. She has always been willing to perform needed tasks, no matter how great or small, with outstanding aptitude and cheerful graciousness. Examples of her varied participation include communion preparation and furnishing the kitchens. She was on the Diaconate and presently serves on the Session as a ruling elder.

As chairman of the Congregational Service Committee, she has been instrumental in developing our present Colony Care program, which is already bearing fruit as a great blessing to White Memorial Church.

Her dedication and gentle spirit have endeared her to everyone. Someone said of Harriet: "She has served well in any capacity, and done an excellent job. More important, her day to day life has always reflected her deep knowledge of companionship with our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Strength and honor are her clothing . . . She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." Proverbs 31:25-26

So today we award this Honorary Life Membership in the Women of the Church to Harriet McGoogan Holler with the closing words of the book of Proverbs:

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:31

Harriet joined Mrs. Charles Lynnwood (Kirby) Brown, Mrs. Edna Stuart Brown, and the Reverend Charles Lynnwood Brown, incumbent recipients. This worthy recognition has continued on an annual basis since 1976, and all of the recipients are included in the appendix.

During these *"Development Years"* as the church grew, the WOC circles increased to more than a dozen, each having multiple areas of ministry and service. Their impact is just not felt in the above sampling of these responsibilities but appear in almost all of the church's activities.

The men of the church as a formal organization went through several *"up and down"* periods. An attempt at reactivating the group in 1971 met with initial success until September 1972, when the subject of the Session meeting's *"Sessional Dialogue"* raised the question, *"What direction should our men's work take in the new program year?"* Dr. Pickard introduced the subject by advising that the officers of the men of the church had met and were concerned about the future of the organization since attendance had been falling off steadily for several years and had now reached a point where only a very few men were present. He further stated that a number of proposals for some change in the nature of the meetings had been

considered, including whether or not breakfast meetings should be substituted for night meetings, whether meetings should be quarterly, rather than monthly, and whether a *"family night"* meeting should be substituted for the men's meeting. After a long discussion, it was moved that meetings of the men of the church be discontinued, and the organization disbanded. A substitute motion was then offered and approved that an adult work subcommittee be directed to study the situation and submit a recommendation to the Session. As a result, in February 1973, a Tuesday breakfast meeting began on a trial basis. Once again this program traveled a rocky road, was cancelled for a period of time, and then resumed as a Wednesday breakfast meeting in 1980 and has continued as a strong Bible study and fellowship group since. A few months after this new beginning, the men hosted a Father/Son/Daughter Dinner, and possibly this together with a core of hardy attendees has maintained the program. The men of the church are involved in a multitude of congregational activities and outreach service projects as described in those reported areas.

Congregational ministries and activities covered a broad spectrum during these *"Development Years,"* and an attempt will be made to look into some of the highlights.

Very early in the period, an assimilation of a new members' program was designed to involve the many people joining White Memorial. The classes of this program were scheduled periodically after the people became members. Attendance was not very good; the number of classes was reduced to three, and even this never captured the attendance of the new members. About this same time in 1966, the first annual church officer retreat was convened, and these eventually developed into somewhat of a long-range planning exercise. Special services evolved over the years, beginning with Good Friday, joint ventures involving Hayes Barton Baptist, Hayes Barton Methodist, Westminster Presbyterian, West Raleigh Presbyterian, Saint John's Baptist, and Fairmont Methodist churches. Over time White Memorial became more independent in that the White Memorial staff would handle Advent and Lenten services and would bring in outside preachers for some services, retreats, and seminar series. A number of moderators of the General Assembly graced our halls, such as Ben Lacy Rose, Nelson Bell, Charles E. S. Kraemer, Dottie Barnard, and Ben Weir. Regular Sunday services were at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and in 1966 a coffee/coke fellowship period started for the one-half hour between the services, from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

In 1969 we began to experiment with an 8:30 a.m. service during the summer months. Later this took on a family-oriented and informal look, with contemporary music for the one-half hour between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. This evolved into a more traditional type of worship service, until in 1984 it outgrew Davidson Chapel and was moved into the sanctuary. Other changes occurred over time, such as greeters at all of the doors; instead of having separate usher and offering people, they were consolidated in 1969; also in that year the ritual of the Friendship book passing in the pews began. In 1970 four White Memorial families donated blue pew Bibles that matched the hymnals. The information age was upon us when in 1988 the *"information flap"* was added to the Sunday bulletin; communion continued to be served at worship on the first Sunday of each month, alternating between the 8:15

and 11:00 a.m. services and the 9:30 a.m. service. Easter Sunrise services were held in the Coventer Chapel-amphitheater at the Dover Road parking lot entrance.

Paschal vigils began in 1983 and continued for five years before giving way. These vigils began on Good Friday and continued to Easter Sunrise. They were held in the chapel where people came to spend some time in meditation and prayer for individual members and friends. Occasionally a music accompaniment was provided by instrumentalists. About this same time a Christmas Bell Service was started with families and children each bringing a bell and making joyous sounds of "music" in the sanctuary.

The media in the form of WPTF-AM radio became the means in 1969 by which White Memorial's worship services could reach far beyond our community. The radio broadcast reached "shut-ins," those ill at home or in the hospital, and those who could not be physically present in the sanctuary. Station WCPE-FM became our broadcast station in the mid-eighties, but we eventually returned to WPTF-AM, alternating Sunday worship services with Edenton Street Methodist Church.

Television also played an important role in the *"Development Years"* of White Memorial. In 1970 the "Spire of Faith" program began, sponsored by White Memorial on WRDU-TV. This was a 30-minute taped service, aired at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday, with the sermon as the focal point. By cable it reached the public in 16 counties as far away as Greensboro, Fayetteville, and the Danville/Martinsville area of Virginia. The broadcast was about to end in January 1971 due to a lack of funding. It then *"rose again"* through the generous contribution of a friend outside the congregation and continued until 1978 when it finally ended. During these eight years, the *"Spire of Faith"* reached countless homes around the broadcast area. Also for these years, Ed Pickard each week went to the studio to tape his sermon for these broadcasts.

Sermons were printed in 1968 for distribution to those requesting copies, and many requests resulted from the extended media ministry. As the sound system in the sanctuary was improved, a master audio tape was made so that audio tapes could fulfill these requests. The Session approved Reverend Pete Carruthers' request in 1992 to establish a "signing ministry" for the hearing impaired. Ten-week beginner classes convened at the church, and the 9:30 a.m. worship service is "signed" for those with hearing impairments.

A multitude of varied fellowship groups, activities, and events added a dimension to the life of White Memorial members that served only to make us a stronger community of faith. Fellowship groups were usually organized around the general age categories of the members, however, there certainly was a large overlap in some of these groups.

- Seventy-Niners was one of the first formal fellowship groups made up of couples whose combined age was 79 or less.
- The Keenagers Club, later shortened to the Keenagers, became an active group of people of retirement age but not necessarily "retired." Some years after they were established, they voted to join with the Raleigh Recreation Department and have benefitted from the varied activities offered by this department.

- Betwixt and Betweeners or B&Bs originally got started as a group of those between 79ers and Keenagers. No one really pushes the age issue too much in these groups; it is where people feel most comfortable.
- Prime Timers fellowship for "fortyish" adults, singles, and couples, with or without children filled an obvious gap that had developed between the 79ers and the B&Bs.
- Singletons are made up of single young adults who have a great time with covered dish suppers, study sessions, and sometimes weekend outings.
- DWS or a group for Divorced, Widowed, and Separated (and later a second 'S' for singles) met for a number of years in active sessions before disbanding in the late 80s. They, as some of the other groups, also formed Sunday School classes.
- Crossroads fellowship began in the 1980s; designed for widows and widowers, it flourished for a time, then lack of attendees curtailed the group.
- Seven different Friendship groups were sponsored by Home and Family Ministry; another series of similar groups was known as Koinoia and usually met in homes for fellowship and discussion.
- Calvin's Kitchen was conceived in 1992 to provide a fellowship spanning all the ages of singles since statistics of the Presbyterian Church (USA) reported that one-third of its members were singles.
- Flipsiders started in 1988 for persons both single and married who are generally in "midlife." The meaning of this creative name has to do with a certain change, or set of changes, which occur during the midlife years - life seems to take a turn or "flip" to new perspectives, visions, and sometimes a reorientation of values and commitments.
- Under the Hill Gang is a group of young adults sharing in fellowship interests of that age bracket in addition to sharing dinner.

Fellowship activities, those held on a monthly schedule of events, and those having an annual gathering usually involved the entire congregation. Some of the activities that have become White Memorial traditions are:

- Churchwide retreats began at Camp Sea Gull, and then in 1992 when Pete Carruthers learned of an open weekend at Montreat he hastily signed up for the annual retreat to be held there.
- Summer church picnics have been a long tradition; they moved around several location before setting in at the McLaurin Farm.
- McDonald Lane, by courtesy of the city of Raleigh, closes for the annual block party of games, fellowship, food, music, and at one time a fire hydrant sprinkler.
- The annual congregational meeting, required by the Book of Order, however attended in erratic numbers, became a challenge to the staff. To encourage more participation, creative ideas of "pig pickins," sit-down dinners, and entertainment were attempted.

Monthly fellowship dinners were served in the 60s and 70s, and then the

monthly evening dinners became covered dish suppers. Eventually they became the First Wednesday Family Pancake Suppers; attendance by families quickly increased, and the logistics problem of serving all those pancakes was solved by changing to the First Wednesday Family Spaghetti Suppers - an instant hit!

General administration of the church was the forté of Nell Hay, administrative secretary. For 32 years, Nell in her dedicated manner served White Memorial. Ed Pickard's pastoral note in the September 28, 1978 newsletter tells the story:

Nell Hay

This week a very elect lady retires from our church staff. Miss Nell Hay has served as White Memorial's secretary for 32 years. Indeed, she has been employed by us ever since our church was organized in 1946 by the old Granville Presbytery. Over the years we have added other staff, and Nell has been designated in more recent years as our administrative secretary. As such, she has performed many, many duties, and performed them well. But she has done far more than fulfill any job description. She has sort of represented White Memorial to the congregation and to the public. Indeed, over the years we have had a little bit of a problem in that everyone asks for Nell! No matter what staff we employed to do certain

jobs, folks would still call up and think that Nell must be the one handling that particular matter - the status of pledges, why they didn't get the newsletter, and so on and on. Of course, she has not handled those matters. But when people have thought of the church, they have though of Nell. That, in itself, is quite a tribute.

But her sweet, unruffled spirit has been the thing that has endeared her most to so many of us. No matter how tempestuous and pressured things were, Nell could be counted on simply to smile and say something calming like, "Oh my!" And then she would move on calmly to straighten things out. Her Christian commitments have translated into daily helpfulness and efficient service. She has made being a church secretary a real ministry.

We had hoped to have a chance to say these things in a special dinner honoring Nell, or possibly in a morning service. But she would have none of it. She specifically requested through channels that we do nothing of the sort. The Session felt constrained to honor her request that nothing be said in a dinner or at a morning service. So, last Sunday, at the meeting of the Session between services, we arranged to have Nell present. The chairman of the Personnel Committee, Ruling Elder Tom Brafford, read a beautiful note to Nell, written especially by some members of a special committee of the Session named to mark the occasion of Nell's retirement. She was presented with a beautiful silver tray to complete a silver service that she has, and a check to assist her in a trip to England that she has planned.

We all say a humble thanks to Nell Hay. She plans to be more active than ever in the church - if that is possible - as a volunteer. We all offer a prayer of thanksgiving for her ministry and a prayer of intercession for her future joy and service in retirement. Jesus, as always, said it best:

"Well done, good and faithful servant . . ." Matthew 25:21

Upon Nell's retirement, several people filled the post for short periods until Ruling Elder Kay Menius was found to be the new administrative secretary of White Memorial.

As the church grew in numbers and expanded in programs and services, the post of business manager was defined and filled first by Ken Doxey, followed by Alex Beddingfield, and in August 1981, Dottie Ridenour was appointed business manager of a staff that included the office, food services, and custodial services.

Dottie Ridenour

Dottie is a native of Maryland and has lived in Pittsburgh, Penn., New Haven, Conn., and St. Petersburg, Fla., prior to moving to Raleigh in 1981. As the business administrator, Dottie brings administrative experience and business skills as well as church organization and missions coupled with her college major in Christian Education. In 1984 she was awarded a certificate as Fellow in Presbyterian Church Business Administration upon completion of a special course of study in this area. Dottie has been most active at the Presbytery level. With the formation of the Presbytery of New Hope, she assisted in the selection of the Presbytery office and was a participant in the committee charged with a reorganization plan. A major administrative milestone was achieved when in 1985 the church began computerizing its records under her direction.

White Memorial's program of dividing the congregation into geographic zones served the church well until size became an unwieldy factor in its effectiveness. Elder Harriet Holler, then chair of the Congregation Service Committee proposed to the Session at its November 1975 meeting a change in the zone program. The

committee recommended the creation of 100 community groups (colonies) consisting of 10 family units each. Duties included visitation, communication, transportation, and fellowship. This gave birth to the Colony Care program, which has served the church very well. Maintaining the ever changing records of the members and all of its supporting information became the responsibility of the Tuesday Committee, guided from its inception by Chair Ruth Koomen, assisted by an able crew of extremely dedicated women. Ruth conveys the source of the program name was from Philippians 3:20: *". . . but we are a colony of heaven and we wait for the Saviour who comes from heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ . . . "* (Moffatt translation). She relates that the people were familiar with the Roman colonies, each organized and governed as a miniature Rome.

The Session in April 1989, after an arduous discussion, passed the following motion:

> *A need has been expressed for the Session of White Memorial Presbyterian Church to discuss what some members perceive as an increasing tension and potential division within the congregation, between various theological and ideological expressions of Christian faith, i.e., style, approach, Biblical interpretation. I move that the Committee of Chairs (the Procedures Committee) develop a forum in which these concerns may be deliberated.*

In June a meeting for the study of *"Differences, Both Perceived and Real"* occurred along these lines:

1) Read books by John Kuykendall and John Leith;
2) Presentation by Dr. Pickard of background of *"Presbyterian and Reformed,"* including distinctive theological emphasis;
3) Discussion of list of issues with opportunities for presentation of different points of view, led by Pete Carruthers;
4) Determination of need for additional sessions by the Session;
5) Discussion of need for broader discussion by other segments of the congregation (if any).

Discussion continued both at Session meetings and in other open forums concerning some of the general issues, which needed to be more specifically identified and discussed. Scriptural statements as they are addressed in The Book of Confessions were discussed by Dr. Jim VanderKam, professor of biblical interpretation and an authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Dr. Brock Downward, director of music, also led discussions and forums to clear up questions and misconceptions about the newly approved Presbyterian hymnbook. Reformed faith is that of continuing education and understanding of the basic tenets of our tradition, which should continue and does continue as we grow in Christ.

Prayer has always been an integral part of the church and has been a foundation stone of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. In June 1984, the *"Prayer Cordon"*

was formed. This is a group of members and friends of the church who accept the responsibility of praying for members and their friends who are ill, who are troubled, or who wish to share their joys. Cordon members also join in prayers for others beyond our particular church: missionaries, government leaders, world peace makers. Cordon is defined as a *"line of persons or objects around a person or place,"* and as Ed Pickard states, *"Thus, through prayer, we help to cast a spiritual flotation device around persons with special needs."*

At the same time in order to extend care to those members of the congregation in need, the Undershepherd program was conceived. This was a precursor of Pete Carruthers' very effective Stephen Ministry program, which was approved by the Session in late 1988.

What is a Stephen Minister?

She/he is a trained and supervised, caring church member who is there for another person in their time of need. Stephen Ministers are caregivers who respond to the needs of persons who ask for help - care receivers. Caregiver and care receiver usually meet once a week to discuss problems, concerns, and ways of support during a difficult time for the care receiver. For some care receivers, the Stephen Minister may be the only one in their life who will truly listen and be a dependable, objective, and consistent Christian friend. This caring friendship is intended to represent God's unconditional love for us which is predictable, steadfast, and full of grace.

The upcoming holiday season can be very lonely for many people. Do you need or know of someone who might benefit from being able to confide their feelings and concerns with a Stephen Minister?

What about the "Logo" Above?

Stephen Ministry teaches a wholistic approach to caring, "Helping to make broken persons whole again," - as symbolized by the logo above.

Why the Name "Stephen"?

This program of lay persons providing pastoral care was named after St. Stephen (Acts 6), one of the deacons (or servants) of the early church, who was commissioned by the Apostles to care for the needs of the people in the Christian community.

The Stephen Ministry leadership team of Pete Carruthers, Ellen Hall, Bill Jackson, and Sara Ransdell completed a two-week training program in 1989, and then they provided the intensive six-month training for the initial group of 23 Stephen Lay Ministers who were commissioned on January 17, 1990.

Christmas International House was sponsored by White Memorial for the first time in 1974, when 15 international students from 9 countries spent two weeks with

us. This has become an ongoing program, which in its early years, members' homes were opened as a place for the students to stay. The first floor of the Granville Building then became the residence for the students, it being transformed into living quarters. Long-lasting friendships have been realized from this annual two-week mission of White Memorial.

Some major events at Presbytery and the General Assembly took place during this time, which are noteworthy. It happened in Atlanta, Ga., in June 1983; after 122 years of division into two denominations, the two major Presbyterian Churches in the United States of America officially became one new church, called simply the Presbyterian Church (USA). Ruling Elder Grace Hartzog of White Memorial was one of the elected commissioners from Orange Presbytery. Then the 197th General Assembly in 1985 adopted a new seal for the reunited church.

The seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends upon both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.

The seal is designed with a simplicity which enables the viewer to retain the image in mind's eye. The clean, carefully measured lines and shapes can be readily recognized as a distinctive symbol, even when it is reduced to a very small image. Its internal order and unity enable it to be applied in a variety of settings. By changing the size and color, the symbol may be used as a design for stationery, signs, or everyday objects, as part of a textile pattern, or as a piece of sculpture. It may be dramatically enlarged for banners or wall hangings or executed in stained glass.

At the same time, the complexity of the seal stimulates the imagination and suggests several levels of meaning. The symbolic and visual qualities remind the Presbyterian Church (USA) of its identity and call to be the servant of Jesus Christ.

The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, scripture, the dove, and flames. The dominant structural and theological element in the design is the cross - the universal and most ecumenical symbol of the Christian church. The cross represents the incarnate love of God in Jesus Christ and his passion and resurrection. Because of its association with Presbyterian history, the Celtic cross was chosen as a model for this contemporary rendering of the ancient symbol. In experimenting with the basic lines and shapes of the cross, the contour of a book began to emerge in the horizontal section, and the two center lines of the cross,

became the representation of an open book. This integration of the horizontal dimensions of the cross with the book motif highlights the emphasis which the Reformed tradition has placed on the role of scripture as a means of knowing God's word.

The slightly flared shaped of the Celtic cross also makes possible the transforming of the upper section in the shape of a descending dove. As a symbol of the Holy Spirit, the dove is intimately tied to the representation of the Bible, affirming the role of the Spirit in both inspiring and interpreting scripture in the church.. The dove also symbolizes Christ's baptism by John and the peace and wholeness which his death and resurrection bring to a broken world. Beneath the image of the book is the suggestion of a lectern or pulpit, which captures the important role of preaching in the history of Presbyterian worship.

Integrated into the lower part of the design are flames which form an implied triangle, a traditional symbol of the Trinity. The flames themselves convey a double meaning: a symbol of revelation in the Old Testament when God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and a suggestion of the beginning of the Christian church when Christ manifested himself to his apostles at Pentecost and charged them to be messengers of the good news of God's love.

The triangle also suggests the nature of Presbyterian government with its concern for balance and order, dividing authority between ministers of the Word and lay people and between different governing bodies. This understanding of the church was based in part on an important idea in Reformed theology, the covenant, which God establishes with people to affirm God' enduring love and to call us to faith and obedience to Jesus Christ.

Equally important, the use of open space in the design conveys the vitality of life and the urgency of mission of the church as it strives to carry out its mission. The design therefore strikes a creative balance and tension between those forces of "ardor" and "order" which have characterized the history of Presbyterians in the United States.

The Bicentennial of the Presbyterian Church in the United States was celebrated on May 21, 1989. Presbyterians had begun to emigrate to the American colonies as early as 1620, and by 1706 growth of the Presbyterian presence in the colonies called for the organization of the first Presbytery, with the first Synod being formed in 1716. The first Presbyterian General Assembly was convened in Philadelphia, Pa., on May 21, 1789, thus the 200th birthday, which on the Sunday in May 1989, was celebrated by 11, 593 congregations of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Celebrating more than two centuries of work and worship and also the reunion of the two Presbyterian "streams," the Bicentennial Fund challenged Presbyterians to raise $150 million for mission. The campaign was structured so that the majority of the funds, 60% were reserved for local missions, 15% for the Synod, and 25% for worldwide missions. White Memorial pledged $500,000 to the Bicentennial Fund to be paid over a three year period.

Organizations and geographic boundaries were inevitably changed, and locally the change of significance was the closing of Orange Presbytery and the creation of the Presbytery of New Hope. On October 25, 1988, the final meeting of Orange Presbytery convened at Hawfields Presbyterian Church, where Orange Presbytery was first organized well over 200 years ago. There was much sadness and a lot of nostalgia for many during this final celebration. Two days later, the new Presbytery of New Hope held its first meeting in New Bern, N.C.

Outreach has always been and continues as one of the priority areas of church involvement and member interaction. Benevolences are a significant part of the church's financial distribution and support. However, the countless hours of prayerful dedicated work on the part of many people as individuals and as groups moves the church into service involvement. This history attempts to demonstrate the breadth of White Memorial's outreach by examples of community, countrywide, and worldwide programs.

Outreach: Community

Matthew Covington prefaced his Community Services Opportunities booklet with this statement:

> *"White Memorial Presbyterian Church, together with its members, has always enthusiastically supported community service projects, both with their time and talent as well as financially. It has always been our belief as Christians that Christ calls us to share of ourselves as brothers and sisters to all those in our community who need help.*
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> *"This booklet has been prepared to inform you of the many and diverse opportunities available to you to put your faith to work. It is our prayer that you will choose to participate in one of these areas, thereby fulfilling Christ's command to 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.'"*

- White Memorial and the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church initiated a partnership to sponsor a Presbyterian campus ministry for North Carolina State University, which was based at the West Raleigh Church. Reverends Zeb North Holler, Jerry Brooks, and Steve Shoemaker were some of the early leaders of this effort.
- In the early 70s, a "southside" Raleigh area evangelism project was created.
- Prison ministries continued as an integral part of community service; such as Sunday School classes; donation of Bibles; funding NCSU courses for Polk Youth Center young people; Yolkfellow prison ministry; Women's Prison Work; and an educational pre-release program was started by Peter Corson. The late Frank Gleason was honored in 1977 for his long, dedicated and outstanding volunteer work on prison ministries.
- White Memorial has been a long-time supporter of the Presbyterian Urban Council (PUCR) and its efforts toward new church development. In 1971 PUCR broke ground on Capital Towers, a 12-story apartment complex for

moderate income people who are over 62 years of age. It opened in late 1972 and was quickly occupied to capacity.

- Halifax Court Daycare and Family Services Center has provided ample volunteer opportunities.
- Meals on Wheels, CROP Walk, Urban Ministries Center, Food Bank, and Wake Relief Food Pantry have involved many of our members primarily to provide food for the needy.
- Our facilities have been shared by Alcoholics Anonymous; community recreation; a farmers' market at the Dover Road parking lot, under the direction of the School of Public Health at UNC, designed to allow small farmers the opportunity to sell their produce; the Board of Elections (used as a polling place); Raleigh Exchange Club (a Christmas party for crippled children); Sunday School for children of Governor Morehead School of the Blind; and the Special Olympics.
- Members with construction experience coupled with those who can swing a hammer and wield a paint brush are very active in building Habitat homes for those in need. This program enables one to see firsthand the tangible, physical results as well as the intangible, emotional heart tugs of the families as they move into a home.
- Raleigh Area Ministries (RAM) opened the *"Ark Shelter"* to provide lodging for the homeless; later a shelter for homeless women opened. Members have volunteered to man the shelters, and circles also provide supper on a regular basis. In 1986 a footcare program for the homeless was started at the shelter by Stacy and Faye Miller and others.
- Loaves and Fishes (LAF) program helps children begin to identify, develop, and utilize their abilities to enhance their relationships with peers, family members, and the community and increase their awareness of God's love. Lee Tubbs and others have been dedicated supporters of this children's program.
- Coal-a-tion, the bagging of coal and the delivery of these bags to the needy of Raleigh got its start from Julian Carr, and each Saturday during the fall, winter, and spring months, he and a White Memorial volunteer crew work out on the coal pile. Ultimately other churches became committed to the program to the extent that White Memorial now has a scheduled Saturday each season.
- There are many other service projects to which hundreds of WMPC'ers contribute: Filling in the Gaps (FIGS); Migrant Ministries; Gleaning (sweet potatoes, turnips, etc.); Broughton High School's one-on-one program; Haven House; and Helping Hands. The Christmas Share project was conceived to honor friends and family through contributing time and finances to community agencies and services, gifts that did not require wrapping, gifts that really gave support to the needy.
- The Step-Up program was the child of Reverend Matthew Covington, White Memorial's first associate for outreach. Step-Up is a ministry that offers families in need a chance to set and meet goals of self-sufficiency. It is also a chance for the congregation of White Memorial to be blessed by a meaningful connection with families who are struggling to make their way. Step-Up has

become incorporated as a not-for-profit program, and several other churches and service organizations are now active in its operation. Step-Up owns five apartments and has the use of a duplex with a contributing lease to provide people with a home for the 16-week period of the program. Ginger Webb was the first part-time coordinator and for several years has been full-time executive director supported by an ecumenical group of volunteers.

- ✝ Anna Hattaway received the first annual Susan Kelly Fontes Memorial Award for her outstanding volunteer services to children.

Outreach: Countrywide

Youth and youth/adult mission work trips have taken groups of White Memorial members to service projects in Appalachia, New York, and Pennsylvania. Alan Head has been the adult leader for a program that enables youth to have their eyes opened, hearts enlarged, and give hands that helped. Youth and adults continue to participate in the annual mission conference at Montreat.

National emergencies have always prompted the church to react in their help of people in need, such as hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes. Hurricane Hugo in particular was *"close to home"* for many people as well as the tornadoes of Raleigh and Red Springs, the latter of which destroyed a Presbyterian church.

Outreach: Worldwide

White Memorial's support of Presbyterian missionaries began when our church started. Reverend and Mrs. John Folta have been a part of our church mission family since 1955. When they began their work in Chonju, Korea. John and Ruth focused their efforts on 1) starting new churches and supporting church growth; 2) developing Christian materials for nurses and the deaf; 3) encouraging the study of the Bible and missions. Others that White Memorial has supported are: Harry and Yukiko Altman (Japan), Charles and Ellen Alexander (Brazil), Ryan Dixon (Mexico), Catherine Mims (Congo), Henry and Katie Nelson and Wayne and Cheryl Maddox (Zaire), Rhine and Leona Fecho (Haiti), and John and Virginia Sommerville (Korea).

- ✝ In 1975 Dr. Miller, a Presbyterian medical missionary to Zaire and Dr. Pickard presented and the congregation approved a three-year campaign for the "Mothercraft Project" on the world hunger problem.
- ✝ The Mbuji Mayi Health and Nutrition Center was supported in our 1978 Beyond Ourselves campaign.
- ✝ Orange Presbytery sent Dr. Rob Jeffers as their representative of the Hunger Committee to Ghana.
- ✝ Sponsorship and help was provided to several southeast Asian refugee families under a program directed by Polk Moffett and several congregation members, e.g., Carolyn McMullen, who assisted in teaching English. John and Shirley Hamme sponsored two Romanian refugee men, one of whom is now settled into

his medical practice in New York.

† The first adult mission trip was organized by Connie Hudson and traveled to Villahermosa, Mexico in 1992. Since then semi-annual trips are scheduled to work on the construction of a Presbyterian seminary designed by Gary Bailey.

Hundreds of White Memorial members and other New Hope Presbytery members have stepped forward to be of service in mission to these fellow men and women. One individual who exemplifies this caring, unselfish giving of themselves was honored in 1992 and is part of the *"White Memorabilia"* in the newsletter of March 25, 1992:

> *Julian Carr (White Memorial deacon and elder) was honored by the Exchange Club of Raleigh with the presentation of the Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds at the Golden Deeds Banquet on March 16. Julian was cited for his work with the juvenile court system, Reentry, Inc., Raleigh area ministries, the Urban Ministries Center, Ark Shelter, Crisis Intervention and Open Door Clinic, Meals on Wheels, Haven House, Wren House, Coal-a-tion, Loaves and Fishes, Broughton One-on-One Partners, and Christmas International House. In two separate years, Julian received a Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteer Services from the Governor of North Carolina.*

Julian is a role model example of White Memorial's outreach and epitomizes the mission of White Memorial.

MISSION OF WHITE MEMORIAL

The mission of White Memorial Presbyterian Church is to be a covenant community of Christ's people in this time and place.

As such we are called to seek to know and do the will of God . . .
to participate in meaningful worship of him;
to grow in knowledge of him, his word, and his will;
to provide a supportive, loving, and caring ministry to and with one another;
to reach out and welcome others into this community;
to proclaim God's love in word and deed;
to serve individuals and all possible institutions and segments of society.

We pledge
our time,
our resources,
and our involvement
in the attainment of this mission.

Submitted by Long Range Committee and approved by the Session, September 11, 1977

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Transition - Part II

Ritual of change in the Presbyterian Church is very carefully defined in the Book of Order with specific rules and procedures to be executed when a pastor leaves a congregation and in the case of White Memorial, the retirement of Ed Pickard after more than two and one-half decades of leadership.

Dual priorities having equal importance are enacted; the church's Nominating Committee is charged with the search and selection of an interim minister to be approved by the Session; at the same time, the congregation is called to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), which shall be representative of the whole congregation, which will search, select, and nominate a candidate to the congregation for election as pastor. The PNC is a committee of the congregation and thus is responsible only to the congregation.

The Session appointed the Committee of Chairs (chairperson of Administration, Commitment, Service, Strengthening, Witness, and Worship) to recommend a slate of candidates to help the congregation in their election of a Pastor Nominating Committee. Adhering to the Book of Order's guidelines that the PNC should be representative of the whole congregation proved to be an awesome challenge. In a congregation of over 4,000 members, the permutations and combinations of achieving the correct "mix" and keeping to a functional PNC size created many lengthy sessions for the Selection Committee. Several hundred PNC candidates were recommended by individuals and groups within the church. White Memorial's congregation in meeting on May 2, 1993, elected the following members of the Pastor Nominating Committee:

Sally Garrett
David Gillespie
William "Dub" Graham, chair
Ellen Hall
Carl Hibbert
Bill Jackson
Gerald "Jeb" Jeutter Jr.
Ann Koonce
Ginny Leach
Harriet Nowell
Margie Pipkin

The prayers of the congregation went with the committee as they undertook the task of searching, finding, and nominating a candidate for White Memorial Presbyterian Church's senior pastor.

Simultaneous with the selection and election of the Pastor Nominating Committee, the Church Nominating Committee found and the Session approved an invitation to Dr. John William (Jack) Lancaster to be the interim senior pastor for the months of March, April, and May 1993. Dr. Lancaster had already agreed to do an interim at Columbus, Ga., on June 1, so he was limited in his duration at White Memorial. Jack Lancaster is pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas, having retired in 1990. He and his wife, Helen, now live in Montreat, N.C., and have a family of four children and four grandchildren. Dr. Lancaster is a graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He has earned the Th. M. degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. His alma mater, Austin College, honored him with a Doctor of Divinity, D.D., degree in 1960 and Southwestern College (Rhodes College) awarded him a D.D. in 1973. Jack, in his short three months as interim pastor, guided the officers and congregation along the path of change and helped us avoid some pitfalls, culminating in the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee. He also planned for and obtained the services of a professional church consultant to meet with the officers and be a facilitator to think about transition and begin to plan for the future of White Memorial. Results of this meeting were carried to the congregation in a series of *"town meeting"* dialogues with the members for their input to plans for the future. The congregation appreciated the short but impressive time that Jack and Helen spent with us.

The Reverend Roy T. Sherrod of Dallas, Texas, was invited by the Session to be White Memorial's next interim senior pastor, beginning on June 1, 1993. Roy is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He served churches in Virginia and Texas, including pastorates in Austin, Waco, and Dallas. He has also served as director of church relations at Austin College. Since retiring in 1987, Roy Sherrod has served a number of interim pastorates for churches in Little Rock, Wichita Falls, Kilgore, and Grapevine. Roy and his wife, Mary Hines, have four grown children, and Mary Hines' sister, Hannah Carter and husband, David, are White Memorial members.

Roy Sherrod brought a wealth of priceless interim pastor experience. Up front in his very first pastoral note he stated,

"... I would like to draft you for special support of White Memorial, not only for the summer months when habits of church participation are

relaxed, but during the whole time when the Pastor Nominating Committee is at work and the pulpit is being served by interims. Many interims report that during the 'between time of pastors' both attendance and giving slump. For many reasons: some folks wait to see who the 'real' pastor is going to be, programs sometimes go on hold, don't like change, don't like interims, etc. So it is especially important for you to be intentional in attendance, support, and giving in an interim . . . "

And as he pointed out, the interim period averages 12-14 months. The fact that members read and appreciated this candor was reflected in record summer church attendance and further down the road a record setting operating budget. Roy also told the congregation of . . .

". . . the absolute importance of having everybody play by the same rules. This means playing by the Boo Book - the Book of Order. Administratively, I try to be flexible, but I do play by the book; just as spiritually I try my dead level best to go by the Holy Book of God's revealed word . . . "

Transition means change, and under Roy Sherrod's 14-month leadership, White Memorial members and staff developed an appreciation that a new regime brings about change. He arranged for our computer systems to be upgraded and built around a network; almost singlehandedly he gathered together the accumulated years of operating procedures, organized them, brought them up to date, initiated revisions, and published them in a thoroughly cross indexed manual of operations, smilingly known as MoO!

Pete Carruthers in a newsletter note said,

". . . Roy Sherrod is challenging us all to deal with change because we are a church that is changing. Interim leadership is intentionally stretching us to "see better" or at least "differently," as a way to prepare for a future which will inevitably bring change before we settle into a new phase of stability as a congregation . . . "

Roy's challenges of transformation to the congregation also worked in a reverse fashion as he became challenged. First was the challenge of the illness of Director of Youth Bob Ames. In plowing new ground over this matter, Roy had the Session appoint a commission with broad powers to study the matter and decide upon a resolution of handling the matter. Second, Roy had his very first ever hospital stay in December 1993, when emergency surgery was required. The hospital stay was very short as Roy was back in the pulpit the very next Sunday. A third and major challenge for Roy was the sudden and dramatic illness of Pete Carruthers while Pete and his family were vacationing in Florida after Christmas of 1994. Roy initiated a *"program of care"* that pervaded the entire church with loving arms around Pete and his family.

On Sunday, June 12, 1994, the congregation met to hear and act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Art Ross was called and arrived in August. So it was in the August 3, 1994 newsletter we find Roy Sherrod's finale:

A Word From The Pastor

It's time for the "Dear John" letter - for those of you who know that term from WWII. But in this case there is no "lover" - as those letters of "goodbye" signified during war years. I return to Dallas after the August 7 services with "no one else" scheduled, though I will admit there have been some tender hints. I don't think I'll stray this far from our home in Dallas again, especially since Mary Hines said to some WMPC folks who commiserated with our being apart for so many weeks at a time, "Well, it hasn't been all bad, you know!"

How do you say adios to so many wonderful people? My preference would be to quietly slip out of town and have Art in the pulpit the next Sunday, but I just learned from the last newsletter that something more than that is planned. Nevertheless, I don't like goodbyes, even when they're necessary. Life is too often measured by those abominable little terminations.

Almost anything can be proved by statistics, it's said, and I usually think of the fellow that drowned in water that only averaged two feet deep. But statistics are one way of measuring events. All we pastor types have to keep records, and mine for these months among you since June 1, 1993, tell much about the continuing vitality and dynamism of this splendid church: 22 weddings (and that doesn't include the ones Pete has done in the same period), 20 funerals, 56 infant baptisms, 230 new members including 54 confirmations, and behind many of these events are many hours of counseling and preparation time. I'm sure that when "Dr. Ed" left after 26 and 1/2 years ministry (the only one many of you knew here) there was more than a little doubt about how the church would survive. But you have survived 18 months of interim pastors - about four months longer than average in the Presbyterian Church USA.

You subscribed the largest budget in your history; created a new clergy staff position; brought the entire networking computer system up to taw; developed a coordinated, happy, and secure administrative coterie; survived several severe dislocations of staff by illness - Pete, Bob, Gary (and my own Christmas season bout with surgery and "angels"), and by resignation: Mary Mooney - so ably replaced by Donna Frazelle; by making Lib Parkin's position as director of children's ministries full time; took some of the mystery out of Session meetings with monthly reports of main events; did a major overhaul of the administrative manual for the Session, Diaconate, and various derivative organizations; prepared for launching of a new $3 million capital funds campaign, made preliminary plans to renovate the Granville Building for extra classroom and

administrative space and are now putting them into effect; added three new program staff members - Gloria Johnson, John MacLeod, and Holly Albrecht; employed a PSCE summer intern; located members who generously provided a couple of much needed memorials: a new 5' grand Baldwin piano for the choir room and a new lectern Bible. That's a good year for any church - statistically.

The big intangible, of course: did the church continue to mature spiritually? Only God himself can answer that. I do think that many of our people came into a new appreciation of what the Reformed faith and practice is about and have learned that there is more than one legitimate way to approach the cross of Jesus Christ and the word of God.

One of the best things I believe you have done in this interim period is to establish mandatory new member classes. The New Member Committee worked out a plan after conferring with other similar sized churches, put it into effect, polished, and refined it, and found just about as many joined under it as before. And even more telling of its success is the fact that older members have been enrolling in the classes to learn more about the Presbyterian way. I believe I'm proudest of this during these months together, for it portends a stronger and more responsible membership.

You have been "teddy-bear gripers" about some of our changes - many very superficial and cosmetic, some major, and all reversible. Your worship attendance has not slacked too noticeably, although interim time is a notorious time for some members to play hookey. You've displayed an inspiring willingness to look to the future and helped prepare the way for an exciting new era of preaching and program under Art Ross.

I'm gonna miss ALL of you - very, very much, even those whose names I never could remember. God bless us everyone.

Adios,

Roy

During the 17-month period of interims, White Memorial did not miss a beat and moved forward to the glory of God. First we will look into White Memorial's programs and services:

- The youth fellowship conducted a *"Trash and Treasure"* yard sale to defray the cost of the youth mission trip to northern Ireland; the next year a group from northern Ireland came to the United States and worked with our youth on an Appalachia mission project.
- Step-Up achieved second place in the 1992 National Mustard Seed Awards (awarded March 1993); in September 1993 Step-Up broke ground for its duplex

on North Boylan Street.

- Faye Miller received the Jefferson Award, a national honor that recognized outstanding public service, for her work with the footcare program.
- Almost 600 members were tested in order to provide a bone marrow transplant for Jacob Gunnells.
- Glenaire, a Presbyterian continuing-care retirement community, opened in Cary.
- A group gleaned sweet potatoes for the downtown hunger programs.
- The "Beginnings," a series of five educational classes for prospective new members, was initiated to enhance their assimilation into the life of White Memorial.
- The Session approved White Memorial's commitment of $500,000 to the Bicentennial Campaign of the Presbyterian Church (USA); and also approved participation in the construction of the Presbyterian Seminary at Villahermosa, Mexico. The Session also created a Memorial Fund Committee to manage gifts and their disbursal; to keep the congregation better informed, the Session began publishing a summary of their monthly meetings in the newsletter.
- With increased stewardship emphasis, we paid off and *"burned the mortgage"* on the new building; church school grades one through six stewardship offerings used to purchase a freezer for the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen.
- Boy Scout Troop 395 placed first at the 1994 District Spring Camporee.
- New white paraments were given by the women of the church in honor of Ed Pickard.

Personnel and staff activity continued throughout the period:

Gloria Johnson

- Gloria Boyde Johnson was named temporary supply for Outreach and Community Ministry in August 1993. Gloria, a member of White Memorial, did her undergraduate work at Meredith and received her Master of Divinity degree from Duke in 1991 and is pursuing a Master of Theology degree from Duke. Gloria and her husband, Jerry, have three sons. Her background experience includes supply pastor at Fairview Presbyterian Church of Selma, N.C., Youth/Education director for the Butner Presbyterian Church in Butner, N.C., and has worked in the chaplin's office at the Duke Medical Center.
- Dr. John D. McLeod Jr. became a parish associate while Jim and Lee Tubbs were away at their summer home. John is a Davidson College graduate and a Union Seminary, Richmond graduate with a long list of honors and degrees, the last of which was a Doctor of Theology. He served as pastor of churches in Carolina Beach, N.C., King William County, Va., and Keyser, W.Va. Most of his active career was spent as Presbytery and Synod Executive positions in North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, and Tennessee.
- As a result of Bob Ames illness, he was appointed director of Youth in Mission in March 1994. This new position focuses on youth in service and mission and community involvement, concentrating on a hands-on involvement of White Memorial youth in Christian social work.
- Holly Albrecht agreed to fill the position of director of Youth Ministry on an interim basis. Holly is an honors graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education at Richmond, Va.
- *"Women of the Church"* honor one of the staff at its final meeting of the year on May 9, 1994:

The honoring of this person is so special that a second recognition is called for - the first one being at church yesterday, where he got a standing ovation. We are breaking tradition by honoring a man among us - one who means to much to every person in our church. One who has been overly generous with his talents to the Presbyterian Women for the 18 years he has been among us.

(Author's note: Brock is the first man so honored since the *"Women of the Church"* revived the Honorary Life Membership award in 1976; the Reverend Dr. Lynn Brown received the Honorary Life Membership award in 1957.)

Brock Wakefield Downward, born February 21, 1946 - historian student of John Calvin, knowledgeable teacher, especially of the book of Psalms and how the Psalms are used in our services, leader of our choirs, which number around 80 people - he managed to keep the interest whetted of the youngest choir member. He has absolute loyalty of the youth and adult choir members. He has introduced a whole new realm of talent with the bell choir. He is a clergyman extraordinaire - preaching upon demand. He is a giver of organ concerts, both at home and abroad. And he is the person who sets the tone for all of our worship services with his

music. He is indeed a valued minister to us all.

To repeat a little from yesterday, Brock grew up in Greenwich, Conn. He began organ study at age 12, and he was a member of the Men & Boys Choir at Christ Church in Greenwich. He served as a substitute organist for churches from age 13 on. Having a fascination for knowing how things work - can't you see him totally absorbed by the "buttons" on the organ console as he "daydreamed" through hundreds of sermons?

Brock received a B.A. degree from Oberlin College, followed by a Master's and Doctoral degree from Eastman School of Music. His graduate work was interrupted by a call from Uncle Sam when he served two years as a chaplain's assistant and organist at the Post Chapel in Anchorage, Alaska - a far better assignment than the alternative, which was Vietnam.

When at Eastman, he served various congregations as organist/choir master; then he went to Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church in Rochester, N.Y., as organist/choir master for three years. That is where we found him in 1976. He had the good fortune to marry Polly in 1973, and we are thankful that Polly "chanced it" and came south with him in 1976.

Brock is held in the highest regard by his fellow musicians. He is currently serving as secretary of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of Reformed Liturgy and Music, which is the official journal of the Theology and Worship Divinity of the Presbyterian Church, USA. He must be a wonderful asset to this board. He works hard at our church, coordinating the music, the introit, and the anthems, with the lectionary scripture. He also upholds the Presbyterian trade of continuing his education and his teaching with good resource material. He doesn't make it up as he goes along. Brock is a perfectionist by nature, practicing many hours on the organ. He begins choir practice on Christmas music during summer vacation and rolls right into Easter music following Christmas.

Brock gets blamed for the hymn selections, but it isn't his fault, as the preacher picks the hymns - except in the summer, when he will introduce one new hymn each Sunday, always trying to teach us new ways.

You have seen Brock at our Christmas luncheons - playing the piano, standing up, talking, and singing, all at the same time. He is patient and kind to those of us who love music and can't carry a tune. He is the only person who has been invited to join the Spare Ribs - our "in house" band. Brock rues the day he started the Plum Pudding feast, for it has gotten so popular, it has become out of hand. At first he and Polly made the hard sauce for the puddings - until the hard sauce turned into gallons instead of pints.

Brock is always there for us as a congregation, and as individuals (except for his absence today!) he handles his multifaceted assignments with boundless good humor - always inspiring us with his wonderful music. He is not big into days off - or nights off either for that matter - no

time for that. He is the only person known to man who drinks hot Pepsi Cola.

Brock's main interest is liturgy and worship of the Christian church, however, this is followed closely by his computer happy times - when he writes newsletters to his choir members with little computer pictures on them - and when he writes serious notes and makes his plans - and when he plays the Tetris game on his Game Boy.

Brock does love home, though he is seldom there, and he loves Polly and his cats. One last insight into Brock: his office chair has been broken for years - the worn out springs rise up and pick at his clothes, and yet when Brock was faced with the decision recently of how to spend an allotted amount of money available to him through the Worship Committee, he elected to spend the money on refurnishing the organ rather than buying a new chair - but then, if he had a new chair with new springs, what would he talk about? Amen! (even though this term has been deleted in the blue hymnbook).

Pete became Dr. Peter Cameron Carruthers in May 1993, when Columbia Seminary awarded him the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree. A Florida Disney World vacation trip after Christmas 1994 was being enjoyed by the Carruthers family when a seizure and blackout put Pete in the Orlando Hospital for tests, which were then confirmed upon the family's return to Raleigh that Pete was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.

In his role of associate pastor for Congregational Care, Pete really cared for all in a kind and generous Christ-like manner with his complete body, soul, love, and a true pastor's heart. Now the congregation of White Memorial demonstrated its love and care for Pete and his family in so many different ways. The outpouring of love expressed in daily prayer services in the chapel, emotional support, family care, meals, financial contributions, transportation, and the concern of his medical team, all of these and countless others engulfed Pete and his family with true care. Pete's Stephen Ministry organization under the guidance of Nancy Sumner stepped in to organize the logistics of this care program as they had been so well trained by Pete. Throughout all of this, Pete's caring love for his friends and the congregation never wavered; his appreciation of God's love left no doubt in his mind that God's love is unconditional!

With the calling of Art Ross and his assuming his position in August 1994, the *"Transition"* phase moves into the *"Years of Vision."*

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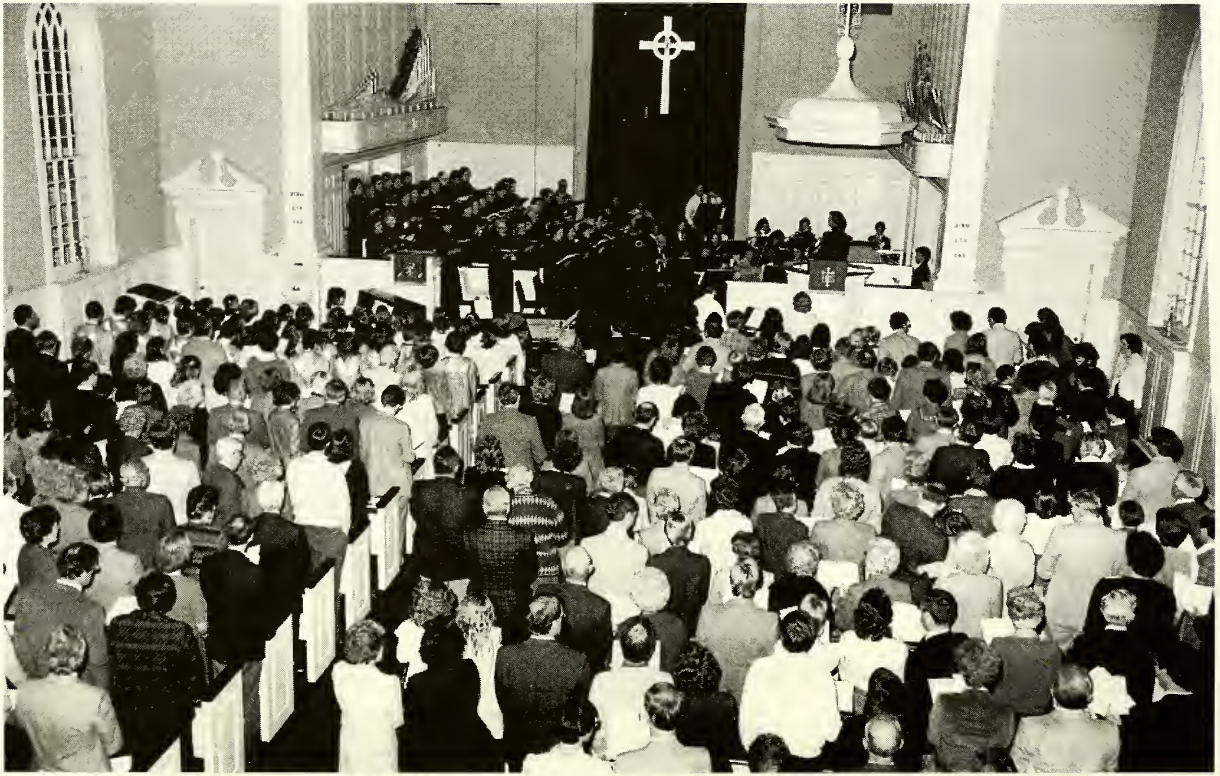

PART IV

Years of Vision: 1993 and Forward

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Art Ross, Pastor

White Memorial's Pastor Nominating Committee presented their candidate to the congregation at a meeting following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 13, 1994; Dr. Arthur Ross III was officially called by the congregation as White Memorial's third senior pastor effective August 15, 1994.

Our New Senior Pastor

His first sermon is scheduled for August 28, and he will be officially installed Sunday, September 18. During World War II, Art Ross Sr. was in the navy and assigned to Charleston, S.C. His wife moved from the family home of Asheboro, N.C., and joined her husband. So it was that Art Ross III was born in Charleston, S.C., and at a very, very tender age journeyed with his mother as they returned to the family roots in Asheboro. He has served as the senior pastor of the 1,300 member First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg, Fla. since 1984, along with three other ordained staff members. From 1975 to 1984 he was senior pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Morehead City, N.C. He is a 1971 graduate of Union Seminary in Virginia and received his Doctor of Ministry degree from the same institution in 1981. His first service to the denomination was as associate pastor for three years at the Riverside Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, Fla.

It was during a seminary student intern year at First Presbyterian

Church of Charlotte that he met and married Jean Gaskell of Charlotte in May 1969. She goes by "Jan," and they have two grown children: Craig, a 1994 graduate of Davidson College who is currently on a "dig" in the Yucatan section of Mexico; and Katherine, a rising sophomore, also at Davidson.

Jan is a graduate of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., and received her Master's degree from Stanford University in California. She has taught at Queens College in Charlotte and serves currently as an adjunct professor at Eckard College in St. Petersburg.

The Rosses will be leasing a home at 1701 St. Mary's Street for nine months - perhaps longer, while selling their home in St. Petersburg.

Art, as Dr. Ross prefers to be called, received his degree in business from Davidson and also a U.S. Army commission. He served 13 months in Korea as an infantry lieutenant. Prior to his military obligation he worked in a small inner city church in Brooklyn. He has been on the governing boards of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and Queens College, and presently is on the Board of Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Ga. Active in Presbytery and General Assembly offices, Art is also active in civic work, and has been recognized by both the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and the Tampa Bay chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his contributions to the community. His service club work has been that of a Rotarian. Hobbies include jogging, sailing, a little gardening, and traveling.

The Ross Family

Art Ross

Art's inaugural newsletter *"A Word From The Pastor"* provides an insight to him and sets his initial goals:

Dear Friends in Christ,

A powerful biblical image for the life of faith is that of a journey. Abraham and Sarah were called to go out, not knowing where they were to go. Joseph was forced to travel to Egypt, where he discovered the providence of God. Moses led the children of Israel from Egypt into the wilderness, where they wandered for 40 years before reaching the promised land. Jesus called his disciples to follow him through Galilee and on to Jerusalem. Paul went to the Gentiles, making three journeys to visit people who looked upon him as an enemy. In the Bible, journeys involve more than travel, they become spiritual experiences.

The Rosses have completed a physical journey, traveling from Florida to North Carolina. Now you and I are beginning a new stage in a spiritual journey. We will be traveling together as a congregation of believers, responding to the call of God in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We do not know where this journey will take us. But we go forth

confident that the God who has led people of faith for countless generations will also lead us.

Jan and I are most grateful for all you have done to assist us in making the move. Through your Pastor Nominating Committee and by your letters and acts of kindness, you have made us feel welcome. At least 150 individuals and families have written to us, sharing warmth, vision, and commitment.

As we begin our journey together, I have two initial goals: to lead worship that honors God, equipping us for discipleship in the name of Christ; and to you as individuals as I learn about the programs and the needs of White Memorial. You can help fulfill the first goal by being regular in attendance at worship and honest in your comments. (Write me a note; tell me if a sermon helps you grow in faith, or if it misses the mark.) We will seek to meet the second goal through small group meetings, luncheons, and other events. Watch the weekly publications for news of these activities.

Remember me in your prayers, remind me of your name, and rejoice with me in the journey that is ours.

Yours, in faith and friendship,

Art

Sunday, September 18, was what Art called *"a momentous occasion in my life and the life of our congregation."* A commission of New Hope Presbytery with the full authority of Presbytery, officially installed Art as White Memorial's pastor. Jane Davis Rourk, Moderator of Presbytery and an elder at First Presbyterian Church, Durham, was present along with the Executive Presbyter, Barbara Campbell-Davis. "Dub" Graham represented the congregation as an elder commissioner and Pete Carruthers as a member of Presbytery, also served as a commissioner. Other members of the commission were Lori Pister, associate pastor of First Presbyterian, Durham, N.C., and Art's cousin, Bill Ross, who is an elder at our *"mother church,"* First Presbyterian, Raleigh, N.C. Bill Scheu an elder in the church where Art was ordained, Riverside Presbyterian, Jacksonville, Fla., and who has been present at each of Art's installations also attended. Jim McChesney who with his wife, Carolyn, has strong ties with White Memorial served as a minister member along with Lee Stoffel, a minister of Charlotte and former pastor of two churches where Art had worked completed the list of commissioners. Honorary commissioners were Jan's and Art's parents, all of whom are elders. Art writes:

According to The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church, the commission shall convene and call the congregation to worship. I will be asked the same questions an elder or deacon is asked when being ordained

or installed. Then you, the congregation will be asked three questions:

1. *Do we the members of White Memorial Presbyterian accept Arthur Ross III as pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?*

2. *Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the head of the church?*

3. *Do we promise to pay him fairly, and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joy? Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?*

I hope you will be present for this service, and available to respond to these questions. The installation service recognizes the three-way partnership we have in Christ's name - a partnership binding together a congregation, a minister, and the larger church.

A SERVICE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARTHUR ROSS III AS PASTOR, WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BY NEW HOPE PRESBYTERY

September 18, 1994

11:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP — Enter in Silence - Wait in Prayer

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please sit

VOLUNTARY - Fantasie in A Major — César Franck (1822-1890)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH — Peter Carruthers

(Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor; include all requested information.)

CALL TO WORSHIP — Barbara Campbell-Davis

One: *Our help is in the name of the Lord who created heaven and earth.*

All: We gather to be equipped by God to be worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

One: *We come in the name of him who ministered to us in lowliness, meekness, bearing all in love.*

All: Let us worship God, endeavoring always to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of love.

toward center aisle

*HYMN #487 - *When Morning Gilds the Skies* — Laudes Domini

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION — W. E. Graham, Jr., Chair Pastor Nominating Committee

ANTHEM — George F. Handel (1685-1756)

Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, anointed Solomon King; And all the people rejoiced and said: God save the King! Long live the King! God save the King! May the King live forever. Amen. Alleluia, Amen.

text: 1 Kings

(During the anthem, children in kindergarten through second grade will follow their leader to Room 309 to continue with Children in Service.)

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SCRIPTURE LESSON - Zechariah 2:1-5 — E. Lee Stoffel

SERMON — ***Measuring Jerusalem***

"Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, for I will be to her a wall," says the Lord, "and I will be the glory within her." Zechariah 2:4-5

*HYMN #446 - *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* — Austrian Hymn

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Explanation of Proceedings	Barbara Campbell-Davis
Constitutional Questions to the Minister	Peter Carruthers
Questions to the Congregation	Lori Pistor
Declaration of Installation	Barbara Campbell-Davis
Prayer of Installation	William E. Graham, Jr.
Charge to the Pastor	William E. Scheu
Charge to the Congregation	Jane Davis Rourk
Execution of Covenant (see insert)	William E. Graham, Jr.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem — William Mathias (1935-1992)

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon the earth: thy saving health among all nations. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

text: Psalm 67

*Doxology

*The Lord's Prayer

HYMN #339 - *Be Thou My Vision* — Slane

*STATEMENT AND BENEDICTION — Arthur Ross III

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - *Alleluia*

(To be found inside back cover of the hymnal)

VOLUNTARY - Trumpet Voluntary — John Stanley

*All who are able may stand. * * * Ushers will seat worshippers at these times.

THE COMMISSION of the Presbytery of New Hope has been authorized by the Presbytery to conduct the Service of Installation today. Members of the Commission are:

Barbara Campbell-Davis, Elder, Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk of Presbytery
Peter C. Carruthers, Associate Pastor, White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Lori Pistor, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC
E. Lee Stoffel, Minister, Charlotte Presbytery
William E. Graham, Jr. Elder, White Memorial Presbyterian Church
William E. Scheu, Elder, Riverside Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, FL
Jane Davis Rourk, Moderator, Presbytery of New Hope, Elder, University Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, NC
William G. Ross, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC
James M. McChesney, Minister, New Hope Presbytery

Honorary members:

P. Craig Gaskell and Mary Catharine Gaskell, Elders, Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC
Arthur Ross, Jr. and Margery E. Ross, Elders, First Presbyterian Church, Asheboro, NC

A COVENANT BETWEEN
WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AND
ARTHUR ROSS III

PASTOR AND PEOPLE IN UNISON: We enter into this relationship as people of faith, hope, and love. We are persuaded that the Holy Spirit has brought us together, as pastor and congregation, in the Providence of God, for service to Jesus Christ.
PEOPLE: As a community of Christian believers, we make this covenant as an expression of our faith in the God revealed in scripture and through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We affirm our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit to create within this congregation a fellowship of joy, service, and reconciliation.
PASTOR: I pledge to serve this congregation and the larger church joyfully and faithfully. I join with you in trusting that our love for God, for his creation, for one another, and for all people, will govern this relationship.
PEOPLE: We promise to support you through our presence and reverent participation in the worship services; by praying with you and for you; by giving of our substance, our time and talents for ministry in Christ's name.
PASTOR: In accepting the call of God and this congregation, I pledge to provide pastoral care that communicates the grace of God, with compassion and acceptance for all people. I will treat worship, education, and outreach as central to the proclamation of the gospel.
PEOPLE: We will support your commitment to our own education and to the instruction of all who come to join us in this Christian community. We will join you in reaching out to those in need in the church and community. We will be especially aware of the needs of people in our colonies and neighborhoods, and we will communicate our concerns to you and the church.
PASTOR: I will recognize the oneness we have in Jesus Christ, allowing for disagreement without being disagreeable; encouraging us to speak the truth as we see it, but always in love, seeking to preserve the peace, unity and purity of the church.
PEOPLE: We will strive to be good stewards of our possessions and those of the church, including the gifts of diversity in age, theological perspective, and varieties service. We will hear the call of scripture to emphasize generous and cheerful stewardship of all of our gifts, including the gift of the good news of Jesus Christ that calls us and others to the new life he offers.
PASTOR AND PEOPLE IN UNISON: We unite now as congregation and pastor, trusting that, through the gift of grace, White Memorial will be an authentic Presbyterian community, honoring Jesus Christ in word and deed, faithful to the God revealed in scripture. We ask the blessing of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on this covenant and our covenant community.

*GLORIA PATRI (to be found inside front cover of the hymnal)

Art was now officially White Memorial's pastor (pastor-elect prior to installation), and *Grace, Gratitude and Giving* was getting in gear as an enhanced stewardship campaign for 1995. Art, the Session, and the Diaconate decided to merge the goals of the Capital Funds Campaign with the annual stewardship program so that the enhanced campaign would present the total mission of White Memorial Church. The officers set specific goals and projected a 40% budget increase of $800,000 over 1994. This was a real challenge for a new pastor, who in turn challenged the congregation to respond, which they did!

Art the teacher demonstrated these skills and his experiences in organizing and teaching a Theology class. It began in January 1995, and continued through April, using John Leith's book, Basic Christian Doctrine. Geneva Hall was filled for the one and one-half-hour weekly sessions. Art repeated the course in 1996 with a morning offering, equally well received.

A 4,000 member congregation has untapped potential for creating opportunities of the challenges that are thrown down before it. Art states,

> *. . . My vision for White Memorial is that we be an authentic Christian community, seeking to live in peace with our neighbors, to serve the needs of our members, and to reach out to the whole community. These are easy words to say, challenging words to enact. To capture a vision of our mission as disciples of Jesus the Christ for the latter part of this decade will require prayer, debate, study, discussion, and disagreement. We need to confront our limitations as well as our potential; we will need to confront ourselves as well as others. As we seek to develop a long range plan for our church, pray for vision, pray for wholeness of life, pray that we might listen before we speak. As we pray, expect to be surprised and to be empowered. White Memorial is the heir of a magnificant tradition of growth, leadership, and creativity. We need to claim our inheritance with gratitude and to use it as the foundation for a joyful future - a future that will require risk and commitment, but a future that can bring great fulfillment!*

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Associate Pastors and Program Staff

Pete Carruthers, associate pastor for Congregational Care and Commitment, continues his battle with a brain tumor. Pete made several trips to Massachusetts General in Boston, Mass., where he underwent the pinpoint Proton radiation treatment of the cyclotron, which was located on the campus of Harvard University. Throughout this entire period of illness, the congregation reciprocated Pete's caring, love, and support. Through his instigation, Martha Ministry - Helping Network was formalized to help those who find themselves in crisis. Barbara Parker administers the program, with the help of a network of volunteers. In May 1996, Pete voluntarily agreed to partial medical disability as his stamina for the daily routine of service began to seriously weaken.

Gloria Boyde Johnson was called to the permanent position of director of Community Ministry, an area which she so ably ministers as well as "filling in" on all assignments that come her way.

Associate Pastor Tom Watkins:

WHITE MEMORIAL CALLS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF YOUTH

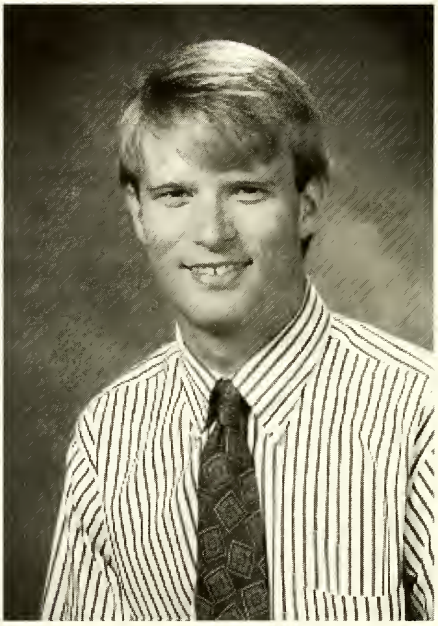
Tom Watkins grew up in Birmingham, Ala., in a strong Presbyterian family. He is a graduate of Auburn University and of Columbia Theological Seminary. Prior to joining the staff of White Memorial as an ordained pastor, he served as a

chaplain at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

Tom has been involved with youth in diverse ways. He was a youth advisor at two different churches and served one summer as a special advisor to inner-city youth in Trenton, N.J. Tom has been regularly involved in Presbytery, Synod, and Montreat youth programs. He was a youth delegate to the 198th General Assembly. Tom was chosen as the keynote speaker for a youth retreat of his Alabama Presbytery.

Tom is responsible for expanding and enhancing our ministry to youth through in-home Bible study, mission trips, visitation, and recreation. He works closely with our director of Youth Ministry.

Tom was installed at White Memorial on October 29, 1995:



Tom Watkins

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

An Order for the Public Worship of God including

a Service of Ordination and Installation

of Thomas Jeans Watkins

October 29, 1995 **11:00 a.m.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Enter in Silence - Wait in Prayer

Almighty God, you have sent Jesus to show us how to live. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may follow him in faithfulness all the days of our lives. Amen.

VOLUNTARY - Partita, *Our God Our Help in Ages Past* Paul Manz

CHRISTIAN WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Art Ross

(Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor; include all requested information. Name tags are available in the register. Please use a pen to write your name on the tag.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 5:1-3

One: Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my groaning.

All: Hearken to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to thee do I pray.

One: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;

All: In the morning, I prepare for you, and watch.

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #457 - *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Toulon

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*KYRIE *You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (to be found inside front cover of the hymnal)

(After the Gloria, children in kindergarten through second grade will follow their leaders, Pam and Dan Webb, to Room 309 to continue with Children in Service.)

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 18:9-14 pew Bible, p. 81

SERMON — Charles L. Campbell

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Scripture Reading — Stewart Andrews

Litany of Ordination — Lori Pistor

One: There are different gifts.
All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.
One: There are different ways of serving God,
All: But it is the same Lord who is served.
One: God works through different people in different ways,
All: But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.
One: Together we are the body of Christ,
All: And individually members of Christ.
One: Though we have different gifts, we are joined in the ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Lord. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of Word, as elders or as deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries.

Statement of Purpose — Art Ross

Constitutional Questions to Minister — Art Ross

Constitutional Questions to Congregation — Fred Hutchison

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination — Barbara Campbell Davis

Declaration of Ordination and Welcome — Barbara Campbell Davis

Presentation of Symbols of Office — Harry and Nancy Watkins

Charge — Art Ross

HYMN#339 - *Be Thou My Vision* — Slane

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem — Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God, Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. Psalm 134

*DOXOLOGY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION — Tom Watkins

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - *Alleluia*
(to be found on inside back cover of the hymnal)

VOLUNTARY- *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*, Finale — Paul Manz (b. 1919)

*All who are able may stand. *** Ushers will seat you at these times.

WELCOME!

We welcome to our church today the Commission of New Hope Presbytery to ordain and install Tom Watkins. Special guest of the commission is Charles L. Campbell. Members of the commission and guests will be on the brick terrace floowing worship Please greet them there.

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The Commission of New Hope Presbytery: Elder **Barbara Campbell Davis,** Stated Clerk, New Hope Presbytery; the Reverend **John Edgerton,** Chaplain, Wake Medical Center; Elder **Fred Hutchison,** White Memorial Presbyterian Church; Elder **Charles McDougal,** Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church; the Reverend **Lori Pistor,** First Presbyterian Church of Durham; the Reverend **Art Ross,** White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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Additional participants in the worship: the Reverend **Charles L. Campbell,** Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.; Elder **Harry Watkins,** Shades Valley Presbyterian, Birmingham, Ala.; Elder **Nancy Watkins,** Shades Valley Presbyterian, Birmingham, Ala.; **Stewart Andrews,** Member, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

Tom has become not only a collegial staff member but also has established a superb relationship with the youth of the church. His sermons have a spark of creativity and freshness as do his prayers.

Other Youth and Education staff changes to the Education and Strengthening programs directed by Martha Stevenson are:

- Lib Parkin retired as director of Preschool Education on December 31, 1994; Gwen Whiteman agreed to fill her position on a part-time basis until a new director could be located.
- Lynn Springfield becomes part-time director of Elementary Children's Ministries.
- Karen Rectanus serves as part-time interim director of Youth Ministry.
- Holly Albrecht was named director of Youth Ministry and served a short three months before her husband was transferred to Asheville, N.C.
- John Richardson, part-time recreation specialist, resigned in June 1995.

Brock Downward's music program expanded still further with the calling of an asistant director of Music:

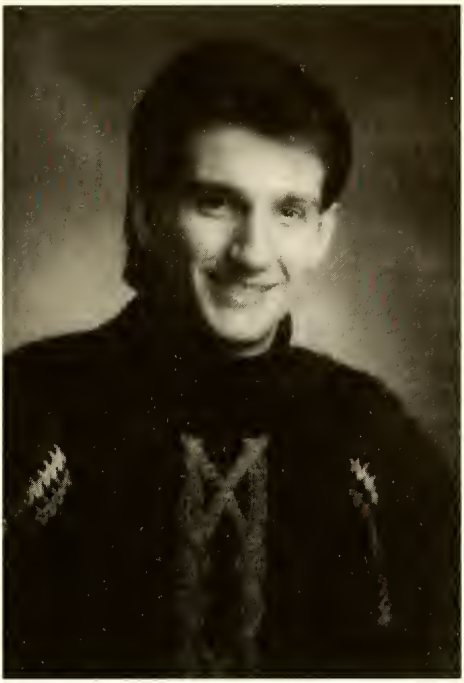
Jack Edward Abernathy Jr.
Called as Assistant Director of Music

At the July meeting of the Session, Eddie Abernathy was called to be White Memorial's first full-time assistant director of Music. Eddie assumed his duties August 15, 1995.

Eddie, who is 28 years old, grew up in Morganton, N.C., the youngest of three children. His mother, brother, and sister live in Morganton, but he has two nephews who make their home in Raleigh. He was a music education major at Lenior-Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C., (class of '89) with clarinet as his principal band instrument and organ as his major instrument.

In 1989, Eddie enrolled at the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music, where he earned the Master of Music degree in 1991. At CCM he placed third and second in two Strader Organ competitions, and received full tuition scholarships. He has completed all of the course work for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree (in organ performance) but has qualifying exams, a dissertation, and a recital yet to go. His organ studies in Cincinnati have been with Dr. Roberta Gary, a longtime colleague and friend of the Downwards. Eddie is presently the director of Music at Grace Lutheran Church in Cincinnati.

Eddie's references glow with phrases like: He puts people first . . . He is a tremendous, giving Christian . . . He is a hard worker and exceptionally honest . . He is a <u>good</u> person. Eddie will be an enormous asset to White Memorial's music program. His duties will include the direction of a new adult choir for the 8:15 a.m. worship service and direction of the kindergarten, youth, and youth bell choirs. Be prepared to introduce yourself and help welcome him in late summer when he arrives. Mega thanks go to the members of the Search Committee (who reviewed more than 40 resumes and interviewed five candidates): Ginny Gada, chair, Mike Caulfield, Peter Corson, Linda Rogers, and Dot Waugaman.



Eddie Abernathy

Eddie presented a wonderful organ recital on Sunday, October 29, 1995, of music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Dietrich Buxtehude, Hugo Distler, Helmut Walcha, and Henri Mulet. After this outstanding evening of music, a reception for Eddie followed in Geneva Hall. Very soon after assuming responsibility for the 8:15 a.m. worship service, he has developed the Chancel Choir of some 18 to 20 voices, a very welcome assist to the 8:15 a.m. congregation's musical efforts.

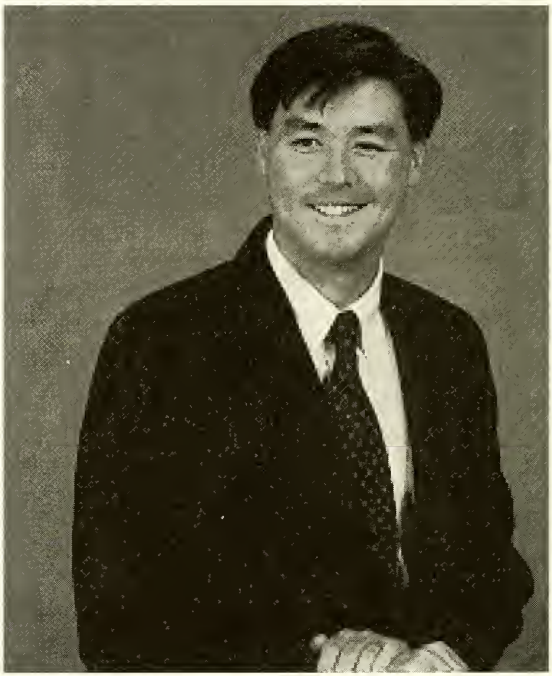
The *"World's Largest Organ Recital,"* 1896-1996 Centennial Event was hosted by Brock and Eddie at White Memorial on April 14, 1996. Three additional organists from the area also participated in the program. To clarify the above claim, at the stroke of 6:00 p.m. organists across the nation and around the world began the *"World's Largest Organ Recital"* with the opening notes of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, perhaps the most famous piece of organ music in the world. Those in attendance benefitted from skilled artisans making music of the masters.

Parish Associates:

† Ann Laird Jones became a volunteer parish associate; she steps aside during the summer when she directs the pottery and crafts program in Montreat.

- John MacLeod resigned as parish associate for Pastoral Care to become interim executive for the Presbytery of western North Carolina.
- Jim Tubbs' contract as parish associate was extended, concentrating on new member assimilation; Jim and Lee moved to their mountain home in May 1995.
- Murphy Smith, pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of New Bern, N.C., became a parish associate for Pastoral Visitation. Murphy retired as parish associate in November 1995.
- Polk Moffet, honorably retired White Memorial associate pastor, has assisted in visitation and serving communion to shut-ins; he became parish associate for visitation in 1995; in 1994 Polk was honored by the Presbytery of New Hope for 50 years of his life as an ordained minister of the word and sacrament.

Robert Gene Ames
1963 - 1995



. . . God separated the light from darkness. Genesis 1:4

Unanimity prevailed as the Search Committee nominated and the Session called Bob Ames as White Memorial Presbyterian Church's director of Youth in August 1990. Bob was an Eagle Scout, ordained at an early age as a Presbyterian elder,

teacher, and experienced youth director. He was a graduate of the Presbyterian General Assembly's sponsored Tithe of Life program. (This program was funded by the Presbyterian Women of the Church birthday offering to select outstanding youth for Christian educational opportunity.)

White Memorial youth did not just follow Bob's leadership, they became an active, caring, sharing, and fun-loving group working together in mission while strengthening their individual faith journeys.

During the summer of 1994, Bob had to leave the Montreat Youth Conference and was hospitalized with pneumonia. All of us now know the wrenching torment of the stunning revelation of Bob's diagnosis as HIV positive, or as one writer so aptly calls it, *"the leprosy of our day."*

This dark event could have polarized the congregation; there was opposition. However, Bob, by honest admission of a mistake made years before, which he now obviously regretted, laid his admission at the feet of his Lord for forgiveness. Bob was surrounded by caregiving love of the Christian community of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Five short and fulfilling years after being called by White Memorial, Bob died on September 20, 1995. Zack Clayton, a fifth grader at Washington School and a White Memorial youth, writes with poignant memory:

Most people take for granted that when they fall they'll get up and walk again, or that they will even live. Most people take life for granted. When you bite your lip, you feel sorry for yourself, but after a minute forget all about it. You take for granted that a cold you caught on the school bus will go away and that you will get better, or that the same cold will not turn into pneumonia and you will be in the hospital for three weeks. When you break your leg, that hurts, but it is not the end of the world. You probably will have your cast off in three months or so. You even take for granted that no one is mad at you or even hates you. Some people think of a particular disease is revolting, or the way you get it is horrible. They don't even want to hear about you, see you, they even might hate you.

I first met Bob at church. He was our youth minister. As I got older, I decided that I wanted to do a one-on-one Bible study with some on our church staff. Bob was really too busy for a Bible study with a little kid like me. However, he said he would love to. I remember sitting in the rocking chairs in his office listening to Bible stories, in front of his painted fireplace that he brought out in the winter. When the weekly lesson was done, we would play with his neat things on the wall, on all those shelves. Or maybe we would look at the hundreds of pictures and cards on his wall with the fireplace.

We would go on adventures all around the church. One week his plan would be to go to the top of the tall, tall steeple and explore what was between the sanctuary and the roof. The next week we would be looking at the huge vault in the minister's robing room, or watching the ladies in the floral room arrange flowers for a wedding or a funeral. Mostly I

remember just having fun.

He would always be walking around church with his green backpack talking to someone or another. We would sit together at a spaghetti super, or a pancake event, we were best friends. I remember going to eat at the Red Dragon, his favorite restaurant, then going out to get a cooler or a rain jacket for a youth trip to the Appalachian Mountains, or somewhere else. We would ride around in his old car and drive past his apartment, then go past Martha's house. We had lots of fun together.

When I found out that Bob had pneumonia I prayed, in three weeks he was out of the hospital. It was then that he told our church that he was HIV positive and just recently developed AIDS. So we prayed for Bob. He had resigned his post as youth director because when he was sick, he couldn't be at work. He still remained involved in our church and continued part time. During last year's ACC Basketball Tournament, he finished moving into his new house. When I received the tour of his house, it was pretty nice. It was Bob's triumph, he had always wanted a house, and now he had it.

Bob became weaker and weaker as AIDS patients do. I visited him quite often, and it was nice to know that he still loved me. He put my posters on his walls and things I had given him on the wall he faced. As his disease progressed, some days were good, and he could sit up and eat a little. I would talk with him and then go in and cry on his mother's shoulder. Less than a week before he left, he gave me a shirt; it was one of the last things he did.

I was informed of Bob's death one evening; just a couple nights before I was holding his hand and talking to him. I hugged him, and will never get to hug him again.

At his funeral and reception his mother and I sat crying over each other's shoulders. It was the most painful thing in my life, ever.

My gift to Bob is life, another stab at things; no one deserves to die at 32.

Other wise sages have told of physical death being a form of healing. Think upon this as you ponder the tragic and dark events that occur daily. But from death, and specifically Bob's death, there materialized a legacy which lives long after we forget the rumpled green/blue jacket gracing the communion table at Bob's memorial service.

Each of us individually and collectively are stronger in our faith because of this legacy:

- the legacy of his estate, bequeathed to White Memorial to create the Bob Ames Memorial Fund to enable any person active in the ministry of White Memorial to participate in mission trips and church-sponsored events and to provide honorariums for leadership speakers for the youth ministry of the church;
- the legacy of caring groups of White Memorial members now actively entering

into the TRAIN (Triangle AIDS Interfaith Network) program created at our place of worship.

Forgiveness is a Christian virture and with forgiveness we grow in our faith development. Very simply, this Christian community of faith was confronted by an event which elicited love and compassion. We triumphed and rose to greater heights of Christian love and built a stronger, much stronger faith in our God.

Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good . . . Genesis 1:3-4

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Old and New Directions

The 22 months of Art Ross' leadership have seen some of the "old" enhanced and revitalized. "New" directions have been conceived, and we are moving forward, testing the development waters as they are molded into Christ-like programs. A sampling of these is:

- Mission Fair 1994 featured nine colorful exhibit groups, three food booths, and live entertainment to illustrate the diversity of mission supported by White Memorial. It took a lot of involved people to make it happen.
- Part of the new Presbyterian Book of Common Worship is *"A Service for Wholeness and Healing,"* a resource our church offers to those in times of difficulty. One week before Christmas 1994, this service was attended by some 200 people.
- Separate search committees were elected to nominate an associate pastor for outreach (in process), an associate pastor for youth (Tom Watkins), and a director of youth ministries (in process), as well as an assistant director of music (Eddie Abernathy).
- A series of HIV/AIDS awareness and education opportunities was conducted; support team training began under the auspices of TRAIN, Triangle AIDS Interfaith Network, whose motto is *"Don't let them walk alone!"*
- Christmas Share set a record of 23 agencies on display with $9,000 given and many new volunteers for the organizations that help the needy in our community.

- The Angel Tree project for support of prison inmate families was most successful with Christmas gifts provided for over 100 children.
- Under the direction of Tom Elam, White Memorial returned to the building of Habitat for Humanity homes for the needy.
- The Gunnells' family sent their thank you for White Memorial's help; Jacob's 1993 transplant went well, and he is a sixth grader at Daniels Middle School.
- A grant by Art and Martha Durfee enabled Step-Up to create and implement a *"Step Beyond,"* a new opportunity for volunteers to become one-to-one mentors/friends with children whose families have completed the Step-Up program. It will enable children to participate in enriching activities according to their needs and potential, e.g., Arts Together, athletics, YMCA/YWCA, and Scouts, to name a few.
- Durk and Nancy Steed accepted an invitation from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Division of International Missions to be missionaries to Thailand; in June 1995, White Memorial had 12 students attending seminary or the Presbyterian School of Christian Education.
- Pablo Feliciano, president of the Presbyterian Seminary in Villahermosa, visited White Memorial and preached on Sunday, April 23, 1995.
- An excerpt from a letter to the WMPC Clothes Closet from Jody and Henry Vess, Migrant Farmworkers Ministry, tells the story:

> *"Thank you and your congregation for being so caring and faithful in sharing your clothing items with our Migrant Ministry. Our busiest distribution days are coming up in July, August, and September. We will be able to meet most of the needs of those coming to the clothing distribution center because we know you will be there to help us in this servant ministry. You are a great blessing to those we serve."*

- Late in May 1996 ground was broken for the White Memorial Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden to be situated beside the sanctuary and McDonald Lane. The Session approved the concept of a memorial garden in December 1990, and the initial plan for the garden to be located adjacent to Davidson Chapel was rejected by the city's Planning and Zoning Commission. All good things mature with time, and by late summer of 1996 White Memorial will have its long-awaited memorial garden.

White Memorial stretches itself to be an active community of faith, serving God in old ways and in new ways and in ways yet to be stirred in our minds and hearts by our love of God and Christ.

With White Memorial's fiftieth anniversary year approaching, Karl Hudson Jr. agreed to chair a committee to plan for our golden anniversary birthday to be celebrated during the month of May 1996. This history has come full circle from the prologue. May 5, 1996, we praised God in a magnificant worship service honoring our 50 years. *(See Appendix "F.")*

Following worship on this beautiful sunny and comfortable day we had fellowship of *"picnic on the grounds"*; we exceeded our anniversary goal of $50,000 over and above normal pledges and commitments for the Davis Drive Presbyterian Fellowship of Cary - a tribute to those who 50 years ago set out to start White Memorial Presbyterian Church; on May 29, 1995, Marj Carpenter, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), challenges us to even higher goals and concludes the celebration.

The celebration closes . . . the services go on!

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Service of Witness to the Resurrection: The Reverend Dr. Charles Lynnwood Brown

Lynn Brown returned to White Memorial in 1971 to preach at White Memorial's silver anniversary celebration. He was really looking forward to a return engagement as he planned to join in our golden anniversary celebration on May 5, 1996. After a period of illness, he was called to the home of the heavenly saints just two months before the anniversary. On March 5, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. in Blowing Rock, N.C., and in Raleigh, N.C., two congregations were united as one in service of witness to the resurrection for Dr. Charles Lynnwood Brown. This is the White Memorial service led by the Reverend Dr. Arthur Ross III, pastor.

White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, North Carolina

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Dr. Charles Lynnwood Brown

March 5, 1996
4:00 p.m.

VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered before God to give thanks for the life of The Reverend Doctor Charles Lynnwood Brown. We are gathered here as people of faith to give witness to our conviction of the resurrection to eternal life. The conviction is made secure through our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. As we are gathered here this afternoon, in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, another company of God's people are gathering also for the same purpose. And so by the Spirit of a living God, we are united as one congregation, a community of faith, to remember with thanksgiving the life of a pastor, a teacher, a friend. As we come together, hear these gracious words of Scripture, *"Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth."* The eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those that fear Him. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we shall not fear. Let us unite in prayer.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, Creator of all things. Help us to accept death as a special part of life, trusting in your goodness and great love for everyone of us. We feel now the pain of parting from one we love, but we rejoice that we were privileged to have experienced life with Lynn Brown. We trust him to you in death as in life you had trusted him to us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom you have offered to each of us your great gift of eternal life. Hear us now as we pray the prayer our Lord has taught us to say.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.

Our order of service this afternoon is a replicate of one being used in Blowing Rock, put together by Lynn, Kirby and their pastors and friends there. So let us join with the congregation of Blowing Rock and sing together Hymn #526 - *For All the Saints.*

*HYMN #526 - *For All the Saints*

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS - Psalm 103; Psalm 23

Here now the reading from the Old Testament from the book of Psalm, Psalm 103.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all the places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

And then the familiar words of Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow

me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

May God bless to us these ancient, yet familiar readings from the Psalms. May they speak to the very depths of our being as they convey to us the presence of Almighty God.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS: John 14; Romans 8:28-39

As we turn to the New Testament, there are two passages selected for our hearing today. The first is from the 14th chapter of John's Gospel, words that Jesus spoke with his disciples shortly before the end of his own earthly ministry. Jesus said:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that were I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.... I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.....

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.....

And then from the 8th chapter of Paul's to the Christian community in Rome, beginning with the 28th verse.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for these promises made sure in our lives through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

REMARKS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

I only had opportunity to meet Lynn Brown on one occasion, about a year ago last December when he and Kirby were in Raleigh en route to Duke University Methodist Center for diagnostic work and possible treatment. We knew at that time that Lynn had a serious illness. I called and asked if I could come by and speak with him for a few moments, and graciously he agreed; so we visited. I had only been at White Memorial three or four months at the time. It was a short visit, but one in which I could experience his warmth and hear the testimony of his faith. I could listen as he talked with gratitude about his long association with this congregation. It is a privilege to have known him personally, but also a privilege to have known Lynn Brown through the testimony of many of you - his friends. From the time I have been among you, I have heard you speak of him with gratitude and with appreciation for the leadership that he gave this church, but even more for the gift of friendship and pastoral care. I have heard eloquent testimony of his abilities as preacher and teacher. You have spoken of him as one who could stimulate intellectual discussion, as one who could inspire others with faith. I have seen first-hand the results of his labor, for he along with many others, helped establish a wonderful congregation, a congregation that has endured now for fifty years, a congregation that has been able to move forward, to grow and expand in mission and ministry for years after he no longer was physically present with us. I was taught at seminary that the great test for a minister's effectiveness is what happens after a pastor leaves, not so much what takes place while he or she is present. Surely what has taken place after Lynn Brown left is a testimony to his gifts, to his dedication, to the esteem and affection with which he is held.

As folks gather at Blowing Rock this afternoon, they will unite in these words of affirmation which rise up out of Lynn's own faith. And so as you remember him now, I would ask you to also listen to these words:

"We believe that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. We believe God declares the guilty to be not guilty, so that God does not hold our wrongs against us but freely forgives us. We believe God uses people like Lynn as a channel of his presence and love in the world. We believe there is nothing in all creation that can separate Lynn or any of us from

God's love, and therefore, even though he has died and all of us will die, God's gift is resurrection and eternal life."

Out of gratitude to God for Lynn's life and for the faith that we share with him, I invite you now to join with me as we bow before God with thanksgiving.

Eternal God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of life, we gather in this sacred place to acknowledge once again that it is from you that we have come, and ultimately it is to you that we all return. In the silence of this shared time we would recognize that is as your Holy Spirit touches our human spirit that life takes on a fuller meaning and purpose. We thank you for the good gift of life, for its friendships and fellowships. We thank you for the ties that bind us one to another and we praise you, O God, for your loving and patient dealings with us, especially for the ways in which you reveal the meaning that is hidden in sorrow, disappointment and grief. We remember with gratitude the ways in which you offer your guiding hand throughout our earthly pilgrimage. Amid the beauty of this day, we would give thanks for your servant and our friend, Charles Lynnwood Brown, and we would recall before you all in him that caused others to love, admire and respect him. We would bless you for the good and gracious influences of his training and we would remember before you with gratitude every experience that contributed to his best life. And we thank you, O God, each in our own way, for that measure of goodness, duty, and truth that passed from his life into the lives of others and made this world and this community richer because of his presence in our midst. We recall specifically his gifts of faith, intellect and leadership, gifts that enabled him to give direction to this congregation in its infancy. We would praise you for his attributes as pastor, teacher, preacher and friend - attributes that endeared him to others and brought forth the gift of faith in the lives of others. We would thank you for that measure of discipline, creativity, and warmth that caused others to admire, respect and love him. And we thank you, O God, for the gift of faith that sustained Lynn Brown throughout his life and brought him comfort as he faced death. We will remember before you his ministry accomplishments, his service to our nation in the Armed Forces, his leadership not only in this church but also in this city, his gifts as teacher, pastor and friend throughout his years of retirement. We recall his love and devotion for his family, his commitment to Kirby and their three children and their grandchildren. We would pray now, O God, for his family and we pray also for those of us privileged to call him friend. Be especially present with his family, bringing unto them the peace that passes all understanding and the hope that belongs to us as people of faith in Christ Jesus. As we give thanks unto you for Lynn's life, we would also share with you our gratitude that for him the pain, suffering and uncertainty of this earthly life is over and we commit him now to your eternal kingdom. Equip us to go forth from this place that we might walk with all the mysteries of our earthly existence, confident that you who made us will continue to care for us even when we pass beyond the boundaries of earthly

existence and in all things, O God, keep our hearts and minds fixed securely upon Jesus Christ, for we make our prayer in his name. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed
I invite you to stand and affirm your faith and Lynn's faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the death; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMITTAL AND BENEDICTION

Here now these words of commital. Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints for sorrow, in pain, or war, neither sighing, but life everlasting. Thy only are immortal, the Creator and Maker of humankind, and we are mortal, both of the earth and of the earth we shall return, for God so ordained when God created us saying, *"Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shall return. All we return to dust, yet even at grave, we make our song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"* Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints for sorrow, in pain or war, neither sighing, but life everlasting. Into thy hands, merciful Savior, we commend thy servant, Lynn. Acknowledge we humbly beseech Thee, a sheep of thine fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeemer. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy and into blessed rest of everlasting peace and into the glorious company of the saints of life.

Now may grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit descend upon us and abide with us from this day forward and forevermore. Amen.

VOLUNTARY (include *Onward Christian Soldiers)*

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Memorabilia

Throughout White Memorial's 50 years, there are events and happenings which can only be categorized as random memorabilia, some are serious, others humorous, while others may be termed providential. You be the judge!

- Our very first radio broadcast of Sunday's worship service was well received by the radio listeners; one suggestion to solve the very weak singing was to move more of the Presbyterians to the front pews.
- In the 1960s meals for women of the church were raised to $1.00; the men ate more, their meals were raised to $1.50.
- While on meals and during the 1950s Mrs. George Geoghegan Jr. chaired the Hospitality Committee which served all lunches and dinners in the Church House (education building); while it was understood no profits were to be made on meals, inadvertently the year ended with a profit of $100.04! The Hospitality Committee hoped to spend the surplus for a print to be hung over the fellowship room mantle. Eventually the women of the church must have become very proficient . . . they appointed a Surplus Committee!
- In a spate of demonstrative Christianity and patriotism, the Session approved the purchase of a Christian flag and a United States flag for the sanctuary; apparently they were never purchased, since they are yet to be found. The Session did authorize the purchase and installation of a flag pole for the Capital Towers apartment complex!
- For the sports minded, WMPC's softball teams were at times the scourge of the

league, winning the city title several times and advancing to the state playoffs. It was a low-budget program, and at the close of each season the business manager pleaded for the T-shirts to be laundered and returned to the church office; early ventures into recycling!

- The 1977 energy crisis caused thermostats to be cut back and warmer clothing was the order of the day for Sunday School; possibly to increase attendance, it was suggested if we come in sufficient numbers we'll all find a very viable new energy source - nothing like a good crowd, especially Presbyterians, to heat up a room!
- Katie Marvin baked the championship apple pie for the churchwide picnic at McLaurin Farm.
- The 1988 annual congregation meeting was a hit as the staff dressed as *"California Raisins"* and led by head raisin, Ed Pickard, sang *"You Heard It Through The Grape Vine"* as they danced around Pickard Hall.
- Two sermons down and the 11:00 a.m. sermon to go; Roy Sherrod's throat was sore and his vocal cords were stretched from the tube that was down his throat from emergency surgery three days earlier; thousands were tuned in to WPTF as Roy, part way into his sermon, lost his voice. For the first time a duo performed in the pulpit as Pete finished the sermon from Roy's notes with Roy pointing, gesturing, nodding, and shaking his head in assistance.
- Fishers of Men? Ed has always been a very avid meeting participant and was committed to starting on time; well, his two young associates were slightly more relaxed on such matters; the meeting group anxiously awaited there long tardy arrival which was delayed until after adjournment. Our associates were enjoying an outing of fishing when one was "hooked" in the leg; the meeting was forgotten as they sped to emergency treatment at Rex Hospital.
- Another Bible-related story, well maybe! August was hot on the Saturday when the Communion Committee prepared for Sunday's communion service; the silver service was polished, wafers placed on plates, and the grape juice glass filled the trays. Then the entire silver service was wheeled into the vault for safekeeping. Sunday morning the vault dial was turned, the heavy door pulled open to the overwhelming aroma of new "wine" from the juice of Saturday!
- Noah never breathed a word about it, but the Wrights, missionaries to Zaire, wrote thanking us for our help with the Mothercraft World Hunger Project; their rabbit population has increased from 34 to 70 and is still multiplying!
- Genesis 3:1 (NRSV): *"Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said . . . "* Crafty yes, but a talking snake? If the snake would have talked, maybe Art could have had dialogue with the North Carolina denizen of the brush (a Copperhead) and surely convinced it of its wayward ways of human association. Anyway, Art survived with a badly swollen leg accompanying him and the Ross family on their Alaska vacation.
- Letters from radio listeners:
  One expressed deep appreciation for the prayers of the congregation; another raised questions regarding the participation by women in leading worship, since

several feminine voices were heard on Youth Sunday! (vintage 1969)

- An attempt to recruit a *"Session Choir"* was recommended at the Session meeting of March 1987, when it was suggested that the Session should break into song for Ed's 64th birthday; the Session did not . . . Brock said he was grateful!
- Session meetings are often the beneficiary of the gospel according to Jake; one lengthy and well-rounded presentation by Dr. Koomen dwelt upon the origins of land measurements including the pace, the great pace, rods, chains, and acres; the soliloquy was topped off by his calculation that the Session room could accomodate approximately 138 broad-breasted turkeys (elders notwithstanding)!
- The "P" word - Parking - maybe has become the longest running program at WMPC. It began in the 40s when stick-shift cars bumped along on unimproved McDonald Lane; into the 50s and 60s with parking on both sides of Oberlin Road; to the 70s and 80s with parking relegated to one side of Oberlin Road. Parking has been added - angle parking on McDonald Lane, a lot at McDonald Lane/Colonial Road, two areas beside Davidson Chapel, spaces behind Granville, a Dover Road/Davis Street parking lot, and an agreement between Haydon Jewelers and Oaks at Fairview for Sunday parking. The demand continues to push the supply, and a WMPC Neighborhood Relations Committee tries its best to calm the troubled "Parking" waters.
- Much is sacred at White Memorial, with one exception - milestone birthdays which bring out the creative side of our staff: Brock's 50th won an "Emmy" for its television production, and for Tom's 30th, his office was filled with black balloons.
- In the early years of Christmas International House, students were housed in members' and friends' homes for the two-week period of their Christmas stay, and many fast and long friendships were developed. One young man from Africa became a surgeon at Johns Hopkins (Baltimore, Md.) and paid a visit recently to his host, leaving him with a fine gift. A young man and woman from Taiwan arrived and asked to be married in our church. One group prepared their favorite dish for what became a true gourmet New Year's party. These students represented most of the religions of the world, however, upon invitation almost all would attend our worship services.
- Circle #3 in 1951 had a kitchen shower for the Church House. The church kitchen became well supplied with paring knives, measuring cups, and various gadgets.
- **The Alpha:** Mary Harrison and Pierson Hassell remember that the first infant baptism in the history of White Memorial was performed in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church when Elizabeth Kimrey, only daughter of Don and Ann Kimrey, was baptized. (Note: Prior to services commencing at the Colony Theatre, worship was held at First Church.)
- **And the Omega:** The first death of a White Memorial member occurred in 1948 when the three-year-old son of Dan and Harriet Holler died following a brief critical illness. As Harriet relates,

"Dan and I were devastated, but our White Memorial family surrounded us with loving care, giving us strength. 'Mr. Karl' prepared the way for Dan . . . his presence affirmed his support. Homes were opened for our visiting families and meals served. A few days later Ruth Goeghagen came by with a small pie, baked especially for our (six year old) Forney - a reassuring token of love for a bereft and confused little boy!"

A memorial plaque on the baptismal font gracing the sanctuary reads:

Given
to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Lee McArthur Holler, 1945-1948
by Mr. and Mrs. Dan. F. Holler
Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Kimrey
Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Willard

Suffer the little children to come unto me.

† Charter members Betty and Fitz Caudle and their sons, Bob and Fitz Jr., were a vibrant force in White Memorial's early years. Today, Betty, 98, of Springmoor Health Center is keenly interested in her church, attends Circle #8 when it meets on campus, and was a charter member participant in the fiftieth anniversary worship service on May 5, 1996. She remembers with serene pleasure the Wednesday night covered dish suppers which were an early tradition at White Memorial. Betty specifically recalls one such meal being held on the state college campus with 500 members attending to hear her husband, Fitz, lead the program on tithing, something which she has done since she was 20!

† Grace Cox relates these vignettes:

Her son David Barnette Cox was one of the first children baptized in the White Memorial sanctuary at the Colony Theatre. He was looking around and saw his brother and neighborhood friends in the Cherub Choir sitting in the front row. David smiled and said "Hi!", causing the whole choir to giggle.

The door was always open to Lynn Brown's office in the Oberlin Road Church House. All were welcomed to come in and share our joy, our let-downs, whatever. He was an understanding counselor.

Three couples pitched in to prepare and serve the food for the Sunday evening youth suppers.

The Cox family described Lynn Brown as a thoughtful minister who showed his love in many ways; e.g., on a trip to the Holy Land, young Donald Cox asked Lynn to bring him a rock from the Holy Land. What a treasure for a boy! Another time on a Christmas vacation to the Holy Land, the Brown family mailed a wood nativity set to the children of White Memorial. Grace

unpacked the creché which because of its long journey, some of the animals had lost their legs. The Cox family fashioned new legs so that the children could enjoy the creché at Christmas for many years.

✝ In Search of History! A Church Search — For the youth (of all ages) 14 trivia questions were published in the April/May 1996 newsletters. Here they are; test your skills, and no peeking at the answers!

In Search of History! A Church Search

Your church will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this May. The church was started by a small group of people from Raleigh's First Presbyterian Church. You can learn a little about this early church (or about "your" church) by answering these questions or following these suggestions.

1. What year was this church organized? _____
2. For whom was the church named? _____
3. Where are these words written in stone? _____

> *"Who, zealous for the Kingdom of God, laboured while Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, 1908-1934, to establish other Presbyterian churches in the city of Raleigh and in Wake and Johnston counties; which churches today manifest the blessing of God."*

4. The first building to be built was _____
5. The names of the building committee are on a brass plaque. Where is the plaque?_____
6. Colonial-style churches often had a tester (pronounced tee-sher). Where can you find one at White Memorial? _____
7. Why is *"Granville"* used to name a building? _____

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8. In this building, some rooms are named: John Knox, Zwingli, Calvin, and Witherspoon. Why? _____

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9. The church parlor was named the *"Flora MacDonald Room."* Who was Flora MacDonald? _____
10. What denomination is our church? Where can you find the symbol of this?

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11. What kind of cross hangs in front of the sanctuary? _____

12. White Memorial has had three senior ministers. Name them. _____

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13. The Greek letters Chi Rho are used as a monogram or symbol for Jesus Christ. Can you find Chi Rho in the Sanctuary? _____
Draw it.

14. Two other Greek letters are on the front of the communion table. What are they?

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Why are they used? _____

Answers to "A Church Search"

1. 1946
2. William McClanahan White, D.D.
3. Narthex of the Sanctuary
4. 'Church House' (Education Bldg. at 1704 Oberlin Road)
5. Sanctuary wall in passageway to Education
6. Sanctuary over the Pulpit (often referred to as 'preacher snuffer')
7. When WMPC was organized, the building was named for Granville Presbytery.
8. Early leaders of the reformed faith in Europe and America
9. A courageous Highland Scot lady and Presbyterian
10. Presbyterian; on the front of the blue hymnal
11. Celtic or Ionic cross
12. Charles Lynnwood Brown, H. Edwin Pickard, Art Ross
13. Part of the cross in front of the Sanctuary;

14. Rev. 1:8-"I am the Alpha (A) and the Omega (Ω)," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

✝ Question #15 of the Church Search was to find the cornerstone of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The author searched; a stone cemented into the corner of our Church House/education complex, sanctuary, and Granville Building was nowhere to be found, which leads one to Ephesians 2:19-20: *"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."* (NSRV) We do have a cornerstone, and we are *"living stones"* of the church. As Art Ross puts it, *"Go forth and be the church."*

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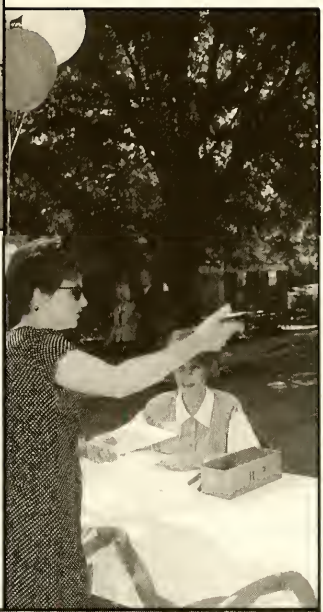

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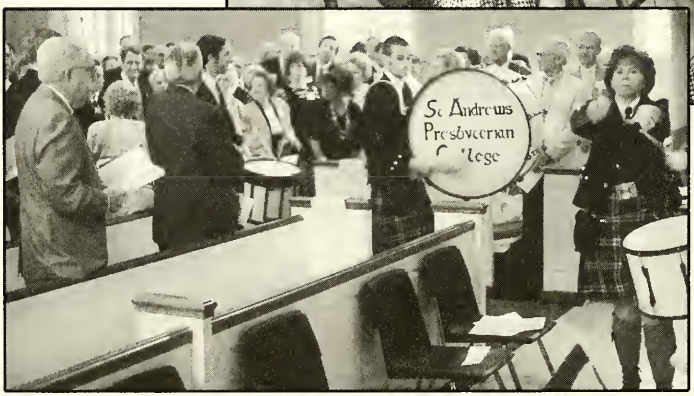
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Vision of the Future by Art Ross

Vision of the Future

A wise professor once said, *"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."* The Old Testament proverb speaks wisdom when it says, *"Where there is no vision the people will perish."* What path will we travel as our congregation enters its sixth decade? What vision will nourish us as we go forward toward our centennial in 2046? White Memorial has approximately 100 babies born to members each year. When our centennial comes, perhaps 25 to 35 of them will still live in the Raleigh area and be involved in the church as teachers, elders, and deacons. Some of those born in 1996 may have grandchildren baptized during the centennial celebration year. What can we say and do now about the challenges and changes that will come to our congregation as we provide a place of nurture and worship for ourselves and those who will come after us?

Faith and Change

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever." These words from the prophet Isaiah remind us that our vision for the future will be shaped not by people or programs alone. Visions and the people who have them wither; programs that once enjoyed great success fade, but the word of God endures. The word of God endures in its power to call people of faith together and sustain them as they face uncertainties. The world will change at least as much over the next 50 years as it has since the congregation first met in the Colony Theatre. Every indication is that the rate of change is accelerating. Therefore any attempt to predict the shape of the church or the community for more than 5 to 10 years is folly.

However, thousands of years of life together as a faith community have taught us that whatever the future of the church may be, it will be shaped by a strong commitment to Bible study and worship. The word of God rightly proclaimed, and the sacraments correctly observed give a congregation a sacred identity and equip it for mission in the community and the world. The word of the Lord leads to a renewed trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to awaken and reawaken faith. The word of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit bring people together in Koinonia (compassionate community), then sends people out, even when though they do not know exactly where they are to go.

Historic Strengths and Visions of the Future

Historically, the strength of White Memorial has come from faithful lay people who have been sober in judgment and courageous in action. The *kairos* moments, those moments in time by which we remember and judge the rest of time, have occurred in part through careful study and planning, but even more importantly, through inspiration and bold action. *Kairos* moments occur when people are empowered to make decisions and take risks that some call foolish, but history calls "holy." Lay leaders have challenged and supported the pastors of the church, at times setting standards of worship, mission, education, construction, and stewardship that created anxiety for the pastors, but ultimately benefitted the church. Any vision of the future should recognize the primary role of laity in the life of the church.

A second source of strength has been the ability of the congregation to work together in spite of disappointment, differences of opinion, and diversity of theological perspectives. The capacity to affirm our unity as children of God and as Christians of the Reformed or Presbyterian persuasion, while respecting our differing experiences and insights is a treasure. From the time of Constantine onward, unity of purpose has come through shared affirmations of faith. In the future denominational loyalty will continue to recede, but the need to understand and be nurtured by the historic teachings of the Christian faith will increase. Faith in general and the church in particular cannot survive on emotion or personal experience alone. Neither one person's understanding of church, no matter how sincere, nor a generation's experience of being the church, no matter how successful, is adequate in equipping the church for the future. To believe otherwise is as dangerous as thinking that a season of sailing equips a person to cross the Atlantic. Any vision for the future needs to rest upon a theological understanding of the doctrines that have sustained and guided the church through change in the past. The goal of historical theology is not to recreate the past. The old is finished and gone, behold everything is new. The goal of history is to avoid repeating tragic errors and to recognize opportunities for success created by those who have gone before us.

A third strength of White Memorial is a recognition that we are called by God to seek our destiny rather than think we can control our fate. Our destiny is controlled by events far beyond our sphere of influence. The growth of Raleigh and the surrounding area, the future of the Hayes-Barton neighborhood, the ability of the church to acquire additional property, the vision, dedication, and imagination of individual members and pastors - all these will control what happens to the

congregation to a far greater extent than any long-range plan or mission statement. The destiny of a congregation, like human destiny, is ultimately is an act of providence and therefore a gift from God. To the extent the congregation is open to God's sacred future and lives in expectation of God's providence, the future will be a success, whether the world recognizes that success or not.

The Three "P's"

A vision for the future of a congregation of necessity includes people, programs, and property.

A church is first and last people. The word church comes from the Greek, ekklesia, which means *"the called out people."* Who will the members of White Memorial be in the future, what understanding of call will they have, how well will those people work together, seeking to be the people of God? To the extent we can answer those questions, we will be able to predict the future of the congregation.

Over the past 20 years, rapid growth in membership has come because the church has had competent pastoral and program staff whose ministries have attracted intelligent, committed people who were seeking a strong Christian church. However, the reverse of this statement is also true. Over the past 20 years, the congregation has had members with a strong commitment to seeking out and calling staff with unique gifts, clear vision, and high work ethic. Gifted staff is attracted by strong membership, and gifted staff attracts and nurtures strong members. A commitment to do things well, to be patient, ever seeking to call people who will lead, rather than simply seek to fill a vacant position, is part of the White Memorial vision. So too is the commitment to have high expectations of members, seeking to nurture them toward a disciplined Christian life. White Memorial is largely void of a "let's see how big we can get the numbers" mentality. Also lacking at White Memorial is a controlling desire to turn the church into a place for entertainment. These are healthy absences. Worship, education, service, discipleship, spiritual growth, outreach, and compassion are among the controlling words that describe the interests of people who currently make up the inner core of White Memorial.

Part of the immediate "people" vision is to create a staff skilled in leading the congregation. Worship, shaped by strong music and preaching, embodying the Reformed Tradition; pastoral and congregational care, education and nurture, and service and outreach should become the attributes which define our calling as Christians. Increasing the number of in-depth courses in Bible, theology, spiritual formation, and skills for Christian living is part of this vision, as is enhancing and enlarging the ministry to children, youth, single adults, and older adults. The vision involves equipping the laity to do the work of ministry, rather than providing staff to minister to the laity.

Another part of the "people" vision is offering guidelines for individuals and groups within the church to chart their own path for increased discipleship. the guidelines, called *"The Way of the Ekklesia"* will offer suggestions for self-directed spiritual growth. The ministry of the *ekklesia* at White Memorial is to become better equipped spiritually without necessarily becoming bigger numerically.

People are attracted by and strengthened through programs. People serve God,

one another, and the world through programs. Programs become the ministry of the congregation, and the embodiment of mission. Programs such as Confirmation Class, Beginnings Class, Stephen Ministry, TRAIN, Colony Care, Martha's Ministry, Adult Forum, summer children's programs (of which there are many), along with worship, music concerts, choirs, Habitat for Humanity, Christmas International House, and mission trips proclaim to the world what the congregation understands the word "church" mean. Our actions speak far louder than our words.

The vision for programs at White Memorial is inspired by the mind and manner of Christ. To know the God revealed by Jesus, to serve the world with the mind and heart of Christ, to be empowered by the Holy Spirit becoming truth-and-love-in-action - these are the goals for programs at White Memorial. Part of this vision means that the church offers programs which challenge the values of our culture and, at times, run counter to the desires of our hearts. Programming can be prophetic, and it can be pastoral. New or expanded programs currently envisioned for the church include additional adult Bible study throughout the week, Christian management of money, marriage enrichment, children's weekday after school, expanded opportunities for community service, mission trips and cross-cultural exchanges, and additional worship services. A reevaluation and expansion of our enhanced stewardship program will occur over the next few years.

The visionary phrase to describe programming for the next decade is *"journey inward, journey outward."* Programs should fulfill and equip the inward part of the person, nurturing the human spirit and programs should call people to go out beyond the church community, beyond daily job and devotion to family, in thanksgiving and service to God.

The cliché, *"a person can never be too rich or too thin"* is true only for those with a healthy body and spirit, and the saying, *"a church can never have too much property or too much money"* is true only for congregations with a healthy vision of ministry and mission. If White Memorial is truly and faithfully visionary, then part of the vision will be acquisition of those physical resources that enable mission and ministry to occur.

The church needs to acquire additional property, but the congregation also needs to be better stewards of the property currently owned. Car pooling and shuttle service will do more to alleviate the parking crunch than will acquiring additional property at great expense. A more efficient design and utilization of existing buildings, especially the administration building (now called the Calvin Building), and perhaps the adjacent house, needs to be explored by experienced professionals in campus layout and design. Improved landscaping and grounds maintenance will enhance the church as a neighbor in the Hayes-Barton neighborhood.

As the church acquires and renovates property, care should be taken not to incur debt that hampers programming, including benevolences and reserves for scheduled maintenance. Any debt incurred should be retired within five to seven years, recognizing that long-term church growth patterns are difficult, if not impossible to predict.

Acquisition of property immediately adjacent to existing church property, including the parking lots, is already a recognized priority. The true visionary issue

facing the church relates to the future of Tatton Hall. Should that property become available, the church needs to acquire all or part of it. Questions of financing and proper use will take creativity, imagination, commitment, and dedication. Now is the time to begin dreaming dreams, recognizing both that the fulfillment of those dreams is in God's hands and not ours, and that God uses human hands and minds to accomplish God's work on earth.

The acquisition of property, the construction and maintenance of buildings takes money, large sums of money. Money is another form of property. The vision of an increased endowment to support both the property needs and the benevolence commitments of the church is a worthy vision for any Christian congregation. Stewardship of accumulated assets is a part of the life of faith for individuals and for congregations. Church members need to be encouraged to develop a vision for the proper use of their accumulated assets, and as the church becomes a recipient of assets beyond the current financial needs of the church, the proper stewardship of those funds becomes an issue of theological integrity as well as financial prudence. The White Memorial Foundation, Inc. has made steady progress in both areas. Enhancing and enlarging the vision of creating an endowment with funds available to acquire property, construct and maintain buildings, and to under gird outreach and service ministries will help ensure that White Memorial has a healthy and faithful future.

The Vision

The vision for any church is the vision of God's coming kingdom, a vision that judges every human effort and a vision that gives hope to every human life. The vision of the kingdom of God is of life together where God's will is done, where creation is fulfilled, where God is glorified. This vision includes people from east and west, north and south coming together, to sit at tables, and to share life as the people of God. The vision sees life in a holy city, with a river running through it, trees on each side of the river, with the leaves of the trees for the healing of the nations. The vision foretells a new heaven and new earth, where there is no crying, pain, tears, or death. Justice will roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. The poor shall be rich, and the rich shall know the poverty of the poor. There shall be neither male nor female, slave nor free.

These are apocalyptic visions, visions that imagine a new created order, an order that comes through God's power, not our own planning. Yet, our planning and our prayers can be instruments of this kingdom. To the extent that our visions capture God's vision for all of creation, we will be faithful, and we will succeed. In all our visions, may God receive the glory.

Epilogue

Dr. Miller was in charge of the Home Mission office at the Atlanta headquarters of the Presbyterian Church, USA, for many years before moving to Raleigh, N.C., as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church. A few years later, one of his Home Mission employees, Mary Stewart, married now to John Minter, also moved to Raleigh, settling into a home on Carr Street. Mary and John's house back yarded with the manse of the Millers (on Caswell Street) and across the street lived the Karl Hudson family. This is the scene of the memory that Mary Minter loves to relate:

One morning I was in my front yard, and Dr. Miller walked over and said, "Do you see Mr. Karl rocking on his porch? I want to talk to him, and I want you to hear."

We went over, sat and talked. Dr. Miller said, "I didn't sleep well last night; something has been on my mind for a long time."

Mr.Karl said, "What's wrong, Pat?"

Dr. Miller said, "We need a new church in the residential section of Raleigh. First church can give up some members."

Mr. Karl started rocking hard. There was a pause and a long silence, then Dr. Miller said, "Mr. Karl, you can get it done, please say yes."

There was another long pause. Mr. Karl rocked even harder, then finally he said, "I will do it." Then he added, "And you want me to leave you at First Church?"

Dr. Miller said, "Yes."

He did not tell us at that time that he had already promised to return soon to the Assembly Mission office in Atlanta. When we left Dr. Miller had a big smile on his face, and he said, "It will be done."

Dr. Miller soon returned to the Atlanta headquarters and the Reverend M. O. Sommers was called as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

And you know the rest of the story; Karl Grier Hudson in his quiet manner set about to lead the creation of this community of faith, White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, North Carolina. His love for White Memorial is reflected not only in the magnificent Christian education and sanctuary buildings, but also and most importantly in the spiritual development and growth of its Christian people.

But what of the man, Karl Grier Hudson? "Mr. Karl" was born in Union County in 1889, the son of William J. and Betty Grier Hudson. He was educated in the public schools of Union County and at King's Business College. He first became associated with the Belk department store chain in Waxhaw, N.C., in 1910, and from there came to Raleigh in 1915 to found Hudson-Belk department store. That he was a successful business man is attested by the founding of other stores in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama, his presidency of Pilot Mills Company, and director of many other businesses. As a civic leader he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Community Chest, and the United War Fund.

Complimentary to his business and civic activities was *"Mr. Karl's"* Christian devotion and outstanding lay leadership in the Presbyterian Church; for God and White Memorial he was:

a *"Committee of Ten"* member;
"New Church" director and chairman;
charter member;
charter elder;
organizing moderator of the Session;
chairman of the Pulpit Committee;
Sunday School superintendent;
and Sunday School greeter!

Karl Grier Hudson's leadership reached beyond the local church. For many years he gave leadership to Home Missions. He administered the John M. Belk Memorial Fund, which was used for support of rural Presbyterian churches. He chaired the board of Peace College, was a member of the Board of Religious Education of the Presbyterian Church, and a life member of the Committee of Church Extension of the Synod of North Carolina.

Mr. Karl was a committed, dedicated Presbyterian, always ready to step forward in the cause of Christianity, to lead as called, and when called, to nudge his fellow Presbyterians to action.

Sunday, February 10, 1952, dawned as a sunny and nippy day with clouds scattering themselves across the sky. By worship time the temperature improved to the mid 50s as the congregation and visitors joined in the consecration of White Memorial's sanctuary. Ironically, the one person that had contributed so much of himself to White Memorial was unable to attend the consecration of the sanctuary because of illness. The illness lingered on, and the April 11, 1952 Session minutes describe the request of Mr. Hudson:

Mr. Karl G. Hudson, in recognition of the love and healing power of almighty God as exercised over his person throughout his life and more particularly during his recent illness, made request through the pastor that he and three elders (listed below) arrange a service of intercession and thanksgiving for him at his home, in accordance with the fifth chapter of James, 14th verse, by performing the ancient rite of annointing with oil and laying on of hands. In response to this request the pastor, Charles Lynn Brown, and James A. Davidson and Graham M. Connell, elders of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Henry H. Milner, elder of First Vanguard Presbyterian Church, all of Raleigh, N.C., met at the home of Mr. Hudson, located at 1535 Carr Street on Friday, April 11, 1952, at 4:30 p.m., at which time and place the pastor expressed the purpose of the meeting and requested Mr. Connell to act as clerk in the absence of Mr. Snow, after which Mr. Brown questioned Mr. Hudson in his fundamental beliefs and faith and his desire to be the recipient of annointing with oil

and laying on of hands. Mr. Brown read from the scriptures of Mark, Acts, and the 103rd Psalm. Then Mr. Hudson sat down and was annointed with oil by the pastor who led in prayer as the elders stood with their hands upon Mr. Hudson's head. The pastor pronounced the benediction and asked Mr. Hudson if he would like to make a statement.

In response to the pastor's inquiry, Mr. Hudson proceeded to testify taking as his theme "the whole duty of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever." Mr. Hudson testified, among other things, including his devotion to the Lord, that he had spent his life glorifying God but had not come to the full realization of "enjoying him forever" until his recent illness, when through prayer, meditation, and searching of the scripture he learned that God does not bring upon his children sickness, sorrow, and suffering, but that these are brought upon one by the "Devil" and that in such times, of suffering, God can and does provide us with sufficient strength and patience, thereby making us stronger physically and spiritually, and that God does, in his tender mercy, heal our bodies and souls as he (Mr. Hudson) is being healed of leukemia through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, to whom all power has been given by the Father.

The presence of God was surely known to all participants and others in attendance.

Other persons present during the service were Mrs. Karl G. Hudson, Mrs. Suzanne Hudson McLeod, Mrs. Blance Hudson Ritchie, Mr. Karl G. Hudson Jr., Mr. Will J. Hudson Jr., Mr. L. T. White, and Miss Carmen Stem.

G. M. Connell, acting secretary

May 18, 1953, the Lord called Mr. Karl home. Ironically, once again maybe providentially, Mr. Karl Grier Hudson's funeral on May 19, 1953, was the very first funeral service in the White Memorial Presbyterian Church sanctuary, consecrated just 16 months earlier.

The Session adopted this resolution which was delivered to Mrs. Hudson and the family:

Inasmuch as God in his providence has elected to take away from us unto himself our beloved fellow elder, Karl Grier Hudson, we the elders of White Memorial Presbyterian Church wish to make a witness of our thanksgiving to God for his life and our humble acceptance of God's will.

We have found him as a Presbyter to be an example to us in all things, fulfilling the scriptural descriptions of his office. From his young manhood he was conscious of the work of the Holy Spirit in his life. In all his experiences he sought and found the guiding hand of God. And out of his experiences he spoke often to us of the marvellous works of God in

perfecting his faith. With wisdom and meekness he counselled with us in all our trials and perplexities.

As the head of his household he cherished his wife and children with earnest affection. The hospitality of his home was offered to all with grave simplicity. And the excellence of the son and daughters which Mrs. Hudson and he reared speak of how well they kept the blessed trusts which God committed to them.

As a Christian merchant, he was a just steward of God's bounty to him. His advice and counsel were sought. His influence and example made a deep impression not only on the city of Raleigh but widely throughout the south. He was foremost in his encouragement and guidance of younger men who entered the mercantile field. He was always zealous to improve himself and others, and his name and influence were always sought for whatever was best in community life.

The chief business of his life was our Lord's command to be his witness. He elected to serve chiefly in the Home Mission work of our church both in Presbytery and in Synod and throughout the Assembly. In this he followed the example given to him by his father-in-law, Dr. William McClanahan White, and his great friend and counselor, Mr. W. H. Belk. In many other phases of church life, notably the work of religious and Christian education, his contribution was distinguished by zeal and vision. During the latter years of his life he was a chief instrument in organizing and establishing the White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh which was named for his father-in-law. He was beloved by the entire congregation. The children revered him and the young sought his counsel. With patience and wisdom and constant prayer he supported the pastor. He endeavored in all things to reveal to us the mind of Christ.

Therefore, we beseech God in his infinite mercy to continue to raise up such elders among us that we may be nourished and sustained in this church of Jesus Christ to the glory of his name until the chief shepherd himself shall appear.

The Raleigh News and Observer of May 19, 1953 offers:

Karl Hudson

Raleigh lost not only one of its leading business men, but one of its best men in every way yesterday in the death of Karl Grier Hudson. Mr. Hudson was a very quiet man. There was never anything spectacular about the good works in which he was constantly engaged both in his own church and in the community life of the city. Instinctively, however, his church and his city turned to him with confidence always in his good sense and his good will.

In the business, religious, and civic life of this community he will be missed as a quiet, effective, well-loved, and universally trusted Christian gentleman.

Karl Grier Hudson
1889 - 1953

Today we reap the benefits of this visionary Christian!

Appendix "A"

WMPC Start-Up Leaders

Committee of Ten
Arthur W. Brown
James S. Burch
Graham M. Connell
James A. Davidson
Henry G. Hartzog Jr.
Karl G. Hudson Sr.
Don S. Kimrey
W. C. Reid
F. Lee Terry
Raymond A. Snow

"New Church" Directors
Karl G. Hudson Sr., chairman
Raymond A. Snow, secretary
Arthur W. Brown
James S. Burch
Frank Daniels
James A. Davidson
Henry G. Hartzog Jr.
Harriet Holler (Harriet Barker)
Charles M. Johnson
Don S. Kimrey
Bernice Sibley
Coma Willard

Charter Elders
Karl G. Hudson Sr., *moderator
Raymond A. Snow, clerk
James A. Davidson
William Horne
J. W. Kellogg
Don S. Kimrey
Lyman Kiser
W. H. Pitman

***Pastor became moderator, September 28, 1946.**

Charter Deacons
Fitz R. Caudle, chairman
William T. Beaty
R. H. Allred
Arthur W. Brown
James S. Burch
Graham M. Connell
Frank Daniels
Henry Harris
Henry Hartzog Jr.
Dan F. Holler
William J. Hudson Jr.
Charles M. Johnson
John D. Minter
F. Lee Terry
Walter B. Willard

Building Committee
Graham M. Connell, chairman
Florence Burch
James A. Davidson
William J. Hudson Jr.
Ruth Johnson
John C. Sibley

Pulpit Committee
Karl G. Hudson Sr., chairman - Session
Raymond A. Snow - Session
Fitz R. Caudle - Diaconate
Henry Harris - Diaconate
Patricia Kimzey - Women of the Church
Mary Minter - Women of the Church
Lois Newton - Young People
Frank Daniels Jr. - Young People
David M. Crenshaw - Church at Large
Frank Meese - Church at Large

Women's Auxiliary Charter Officers
Mary Minter, president
Patricia Kimzey, vice president
Bernice Sibley, recording secretary
Betty Caudle, corresponding secretary
Lella Thompson, treasurer
Coma Willard, historian

Men of the Church Charter Officers
David M. Crenshaw, president
Jesse V. Davis, vice president
Josh Slaughter Jr., secretary
J. S. Simpson, assistant secretary
Thomas G. Chapman, treasurer

Sunday School

Karl G. Hudson Sr., general superintendent
William Horne, assistant superintendent
Henry W. Harris, secretary and treasurer

CRADLE ROLL:	*Mrs. H. G. Hartzog Jr., Mrs. Edward Cothran Mrs. Will Hudson III*
BEGINNERS:	*Mrs. E. F. Warner*
PRIMARY:	*Mrs. Frank Meece, Mrs. W. H. Kimrey*
JUNIORS:	*H. G. Hartzog Jr., D. F. Holler*
PIONEERS:	*Mrs. W. B. Willard, Karl Hudson Jr., John Minter*
SENIORS:	*Mrs. Thomas G. Chapman,* adult advisor, *Sim Wells, W. T. Beaty*
YOUNG PEOPLE:	*D. S. Kimrey,* advisor, *G. M. Connell*
MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:	*George P. Geoghegan Jr.*
WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS:	*Mrs. Charles M. Johnson, Mrs. Pat Kimzey*

Appendix "B"

CHARTER MEMBERS OF WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This community of faith was built upon the wonderous works of our Lord and the 259 founding members who bravely set out to create another community of faith. There was much that was unknown; however, these charter members did know that faith, hope, love, and the grace of God would be with them as they built White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. W. H. Ailor, Jr. (Louise)
Mr. J. G. Allen
Mrs. J. G. Allen
Mr. J. G. Allen, Jr.
Mrs. J. G. Allen, Jr.
Mr. R. H. Allred
Mrs. R. H. Allred
Mr. A. V. Anderson
Mrs. A. V. Anderson
Mr. John Anderson
Mr. Vance Anderson
Mrs. Edward Barbour
Mrs. W. B. Barrow, Jr.
Miss Betsy Barrow
(Mrs. Betsy Barrow Bragg)
Mrs. J. E. Beaman
Mr. W. T. Beaty
Mrs. W. T. Beaty
Miss Lila Bell
Mrs. E. H. Browning
Mrs. Julian Bland
Miss Helen Bland
Mr. C. E. Bowman
Mrs. C. E. Bowman
Miss Sarah Jane Bowman
(Mrs. Sarah Jane Bowman Young)
Mr. F. S. Briggaman
Mrs. F. S. Briggaman
Mr. Alan Briggaman
Mr. Arthur Brown
Mrs. Arthur Brown
Mrs. Paul Brown
Mr. J. S. Burch
Mrs. J. S. Burch
Mrs. J. S. Burch, Sr.
Miss Margaret Burch
(Mrs. Margaret Burch Marsh)
Mr. J. W. Callahan
Mrs. J. W. Callahan
Mrs. Duncan Campbell
Mrs. E. S. Carswell
Mr. F. R. Caudle
Mrs. F. R. Caudle (Betty)
Mr. Robert W. Caudle
Mr. Fitz Caudle, Jr.
Mr. Thomas Chapman
Mrs. Thomas Chapman
Miss Catherine Chapman
(Mrs. Catherine Chapman Babin)
Mrs. W. H. Clayton
Miss Virginia Clayton
(Mrs. Virginia Clayton Nicholas)
Mr. G. M. Connell
Mrs. Edward Cothran (Margaret)
Miss Eleanor Cothran
Mr. Edward H. Cothran
Mr. N. H. Cox
Mrs. N. H. Cox (Grace)
Mr. Donald Cox
Mrs. Frank Crane
Mrs. W. L. Craven
Mr. W. F. Credle
Mrs. W. F. Credle
Mr. Thomas Creekmore
Mrs. Thomas Creekmore
Mr. Thomas Creekmore, Jr.
Mr. David M. Crenshaw
Mrs. David M. Crenshaw (Jo)
Mr. Frank Daniels
Mrs. Frank Daniels
Mr. Frank Daniels, Jr.
Miss Patricia Daniels
(Mrs. Patricia Daniels Woronoff)
Mr. J. A. Davidson
Mrs. J. A. Davidson
Mr. J. V. Davis

Mrs. J. V. Davis
Miss Claire Ann Davis
(Mrs. Claire Ann Davis Spain)
Mr. J. W. Denmark
Mrs. J. W. Denmark
Mr. J. W. Denmark, Jr.
Mrs. R. W. Dunn
Mrs. C. H. Duke, Jr.
Mr. Ed Edmundson, Jr.
Mrs. Ed Edmundson, Jr. (Betsy)
Mrs. W. H. Ellington, Jr.
Mr. J. M. Ferguson
Mrs. J. M. Ferguson
Miss Patricia Fredriksen
(The Rev. Patricia Fredriksen Stewart)
Mr. G. M. Garren
Mr. W. D. Garvin
Mrs. W. D. Garvin
Mr. G. P. Geoghegan, Jr.
Mrs. G. P. Geoghegan, Jr.
Miss Anne Geoghegan
(Mrs. Anne Geoghegan White)
Mrs. W. G. Geile
Mr. F. C. Handy, Jr.
Mrs. F. C. Handy, Jr.
Mr. Henry Harris
Mrs. Henry Harris
Mr. H. G. Hartzog, Jr. (Henry)
Mrs. H. G. Hartzog, Jr. (Grace)
Miss Ann Hartzog
(Mrs. Ann Hartzog Hall)
Mr. Gerry Hartzog
(now Dr. H. G. Hartzog, III)
Mr. H. W. Henderson
Mr. Gordon Hill
Mrs. Gordon Hill
Mr. J. T. Hobby, Jr. (Thomas)
Mr. J. C. Holland
Mrs. J. C. Holland
Mr. J. C. Holland, Jr.
Mr. D. F. Holler
Mrs. D. F. Holler
(now Mrs. Harriet Holler Barker)
Mr. G. B. Hooks
Mrs. G. B. Hooks
Mr. William Horne
Mrs. William Horne
Mr. K. G. Hudson
Mrs. K. G. Hudson
Mr. K. G. Hudson, Jr. (Karl)
Mr. W. J. Hudson, Jr.
Mrs. W. J. Hudson, Jr.
Miss Virginia Hudson
(Mrs. Virginia Hudson Beaman)
Mr. W. J. Hudson, III (Bill)
Mrs. W. J. Hudson, III (Marjorie)
Mrs. W. H. Jeffreys (Lila)
Miss Jacqueline Jernigan
(Mrs. Jacqueline Jernigan Ammons)
Mr. C. M. Johnson
Mrs. C. M. Johnson
Mr. George D. Johnson
Mrs. George D. Johnson (Adeline)
Mr. George D. Johnson, Jr.
Miss Jeanne Ann Johnson
(Mrs. Jeanne Johnson Thomas)
Mrs. John Minor Jones
Mr. John Minor Jones, Jr.
Mr. Wesley Jones
Mr. J. W. Kellogg
Mrs. J. W. Kellogg
Mr. Theodore Kellogg
Miss Virginia Kirkpatrick
Mr. Willis H. Kimrey
Mrs. Willis H. Kimrey
Mr. D. S. Kimrey
Mrs. D. S. Kimrey
Mr. Lyman Kiser
Mrs. Lyman Kiser
Miss Elizabeth Kiser
(Mrs. Elizabeth Kiser Holland)
Mr. J. Lyman Kiser
Mr. Pat Kimzey
Mrs. Pat Kimzey
Mr. J. D. Lamm
Mrs. J. D. Lamm (Lib)
Mr. Carey U. Lassiter
Mrs. J. G. Leach

Mr. Samuel E. Leonard
Mr. Bill Lilly
Mrs. John S. Lilly
Miss Jane Lilly
(Mrs. Jane Lilly Allman)
Mr. Robert E. Lilly
Mr. H. A. McAllister
Mrs. H. A. McAllister
Mr. M. D. McCrary
Mrs. M. D. McCrary
Mr. Earl McCrary
Mr. G. R. McGrady
Mrs. G. R. McGrady
Mr. Calvin McLaughlin
Mr. James Maffitt III
Mrs. James Maffitt III
Mr. Penn Marshall
Mrs. Penn Marshall
Mr. Frank H. Meece
Mrs. Frank H. Meece (Mary)
Mr. E. L. Miller
Mr. John Minter
Mrs. John Minter (Mary)
Mr. C. J. Moore, Jr.
Mrs. C. J. Moore, Jr.
Mr. Robert W. Moore
Mrs. Robert W. Moore
Mrs. R. T. Newcomb
Mrs. Adrian Newton
Miss Lois S. Newton
(Mrs. Lois S. Newton Wilson)
Miss Sarah Martha Newton
(Mrs. Sarah Martha Newton Sommers)
Mrs. William Olsen, Jr. (Sarah)
Mrs. G. B. D. Parker
Mr. G. B. D. Parker, Jr.
Mrs. G. B. D. Parker, Jr.
Mr. Hardy R. Parker
Mrs. L. W. Payne (Virginia)
Mr. D. M. Peddy, Jr.
Mrs. D. M. Peddy, Jr.
Mrs. W. G. Pilley
Mr. W. H. Pitman
Mrs. W. H. Pitman
Mr. Aubrey Pitman
Mr. W. H. Pitman, Jr.
Miss Martha Ray
Mr. G. B. Rhodes
Mrs. G. B. Rhodes
Mr. Harold Rhodes
Mr. Richard Rhodes
Mrs. Annie Richmond
Miss Cora Richmond
Mr. C. P. Ritchie
Mrs. C. P. Ritchie
Miss Emily Ritchie
(Mrs. Emily Ritchie Walls)
Miss Jennie Ritchie
(Mrs. Jennie Ritchie Lawrence)
Mr. W. E. Roberts
Mr. Arthur Rood
Miss Helen Runnion
Mr. B. B. Sapp
Mrs. B. B. Sapp
Mr. Baxter Sapp, Jr.
Miss Peggy Sapp
(Mrs. Peggy Sapp Stokes)
Mrs. R. L. Savage
Miss Jane Savage
(Mrs. Jane Savage McLean)
Mr. John Scott
Mrs. John Scott
Mr. J. C. Sibley
Mrs. J. C. Sibley
Miss Barbara Sibley
(Mrs. Barbara Sibley Stillman)
Mr. J. S. Simpson
Mrs. J. S. Simpson
Miss Jeannette Simpson
(Mrs. Jeannette Simpson Andrews)
Mr. Josh H. Slaughter, Jr.
Mr. A. E. Smith
Mr. Raymond A. Snow
Mrs. Raymond A. Snow
Miss Josephine F. Snow
(Mrs. Josephine F. Snow Farnandez)

-Charter Members continued-

Miss Martha C. Snow
(Mrs. Martha C. Snow Coffey)
Mr. Richard L. Sommers
Mr. J. E. Sowell
Mrs. J. E. Sowell
Mr. Henry Spiers
Mr. F. L. Terry
Mrs. F. L. Terry (Margaret)
Mr. Bob Terry
Miss Alice Terry
Mr. F. E. Thompson
Mrs. F. E. Thompson
Mrs. A. J. Thurston
Mrs. W. L. Wells
Mr. Sim Wells
Mrs. Sim Wells (Jane)
Mr. Walter B. Willard
Mrs. Walter B. Willard
Miss Patricia Willard
(Mrs. Patricia Willard Kennedy)
Miss Helen Willard
(Mrs. Helen Willard Harper)
Mr. C. S. Williams
Mrs. C. S. Williams
Miss Mary Helen Wilson
(Mrs. Mary Helen Wilson Long)
Mr. Charles Ward
Mrs. Charles Ward
Miss Mary Flagg Ward
Mrs. E. F. Warner (Ruby)
[now Mrs. James H. (Ruby) Rowland]
Miss Ann Warner
(Mrs. Ann Warner Walton)
Mr. H. McG. Woodall
Mrs. H. McG. Woodall
Mr. Hunter Woodall, Jr.
Miss Sarah Frances Woodall
(Mrs. Sarah Frances Woodall Watkins)
Mr. Sydnor M. White
Mrs. C. C. Crittenden
Mr. Charles C. Crittenden, Jr.
Mr. Julian Carr Hodges

(Note: The Session minutes and the Church Register are the sources of information regarding the charter members.)

Appendix "C"

Women of the Church

Past Presidents

Mrs. John D. Minter (Mary) 1946-1948
Mrs. James Burch (Florence Denmark) 1948-1950
Mrs. Donald S. Kimrey (Ann) 1950-1952
Mrs. Walter B. Willard (Coma) 1952-1954
Mrs. William Baker (Harriet Holler) 1954-1956
Mrs. Robert I. Cromley (Kitty Bernhard) 1956-1958
Mrs. Pierson Hassell Jr. (Mary Harrison) 1958-1960
Mrs. Milton R. Gibson (Sarah) 1960-1961
Mrs. Arthur C. Menius (Lucy) 1961-1963
Mrs. Victor E. Bell Jr. (Jane) 1963-1964
Mrs. C. A. Jolley Jr. (Betty) 1964-1966
Mrs. Wade C. Lewis (Margaret) 1966-1968
Mrs. Thomas N. Brafford Jr. (Lib) 1968-1970
Mrs. Julian M. Fore (Berta) 1970-1972
Mrs. F. Lee Terry (Margaret) 1972-1974
Mrs. Robert T. Cadwallader (Bette) 1974-1976
Mrs. Henry G. Hartzog Jr. (Grace) 1976-1978
Mrs. V. Robert Jansen Jr. (Polly) 1978-1980
Mrs. Joseph V. Henderson Jr. (Kay) 1980-1982
Mrs. Walton K. Joyner (Lucy) 1982-1984
Mrs. Ashmead P. Pipkin (Marjorie) 1984-1986
Mrs. Edward G. Lilly Jr. (Nancy) 1986-1988

Past Moderators

Mrs. Charles L. Hinton III (Betsy) 1988-1989
Mrs. John G. Wilson (Barbara) 1989-1990
Mrs. E. Lawrence Davis (Sandra) 1990-1991
Mrs. Allan B. Head (Patti) 1991-1992
Mrs. Gary C. Blanton (Cheryl) 1992-1993
Mrs. Thomas W. Steed Jr. (Margaret) 1993-1994
Mrs. Sanford R. Jordan Jr. (Lindsay) 1994-1995
Mrs. G. Woodrow Jones (Marie) 1995-1996

Honorary Life Membership Recipients

Mrs. Charles Lynnwood Brown (Kirby)
Mrs. Edna Stuart Brown
Dr. Charles Lynnwood Brown
Mrs. William Barker (Harriet Holler)
Mrs. Julian Fore (Berta)
Mrs. H. William Marvin Jr. (Katie)
Mrs. Henry G. Hartzog Jr. (Grace)
Mrs. F. Lee Terry (Margaret)
Mrs. Victor E. Fisher (Myrle)
Mrs. James A. King (Mary Neely)
Mrs. Jacob Koomen Jr. (Ruth)
Mrs. Graham M. Connell (Stella)
Mrs. Joseph P. Green (Kitty)
Mrs. S. Ross Turner Jr. (Rachel)
Miss. Ellen Rhoda (Nell) Hay
Mrs. V. Robert Jansen Jr. (Polly)
Mrs. A. Pierson Hassell Jr. (Mary Harrison)
Mrs. Thomas D. Barnes (Audrey)
Mrs. Joseph V. Henderson (Kay)
Miss Katherine G. Monroe
Mrs. John D. Minter (Mary)
Mrs. Glenn F. Bitler (Sara)
Mrs. Wade C. Lewis (Maggie)
Mrs. Walter B. Willard (Coma)
Mrs. Milton R. Gibson Jr. (Sarah)
Miss Mildred Mallard
Mrs. Walton K. Joyner (Lucy)
Mrs. Robert T. Cadwallader (Bette)
Mrs. Victor E. Bell Jr. (Jane)
Mrs. James Burch (Florence Denmark)
Mrs. John Hamme (Shirley)
Mrs. Charles Latimer (Louise)
Mrs. Harvey Anderson (Leah)
Mrs. Ashmead P. Pipkin (Margie)
Mrs. H. Edwin Pickard (Helen)
Mrs. N. Harold Cox (Grace)
Mrs. Durant G. Vick (Cornelia)
Mrs. Wilbur Watkins (Lucille)
Mrs. Henry H. Brown (Missy)
Mrs. Oscar L. Walker (Berta Lee)
Mrs. William A. Garrett (Sally)
Mrs. John D. McConnell Jr. (Linda)
Mrs. Edward D. Lilly (Nancy)
Mrs. Hilery E. Bryson (Amorette)
Mrs. Edward L. Jenkins (Eleanor)
Mrs. Ernest B. Page Jr. (Nina)
Mrs. Robert I. Cromley (Kitty)
Mrs. Warner L. Hall Jr. (Ellen)
Mrs. Arthur C. Menius (Lucy)
Mrs. E. Lawrence Davis (Sandra)
Mrs. William L. McLaurin (Martha)
Dr. Brock W. Downward
Mrs. Thomas E. Nelson (Bobby)
Mrs. Polk G. Moffett (Lois)
Mrs. James B. Tubbs (Lee)
Mrs. R. Emerson Whatley Jr. (Corky)
Mrs. Robert Glenn Bunn (Phyllis)
Mrs. Alexander C. Hattaway III (Anna)
Mrs. Samuel W. McNairy (Harriet)
Mrs. Frank H. Meece (Mary)
Dr. Peter Cameron Carruthers

Appendix "D"

A Time Line of Significant Events in the 50 Year History of WMPC

March 9, 1945

Ten Presbyterians of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh met to discuss feasibility of a new church.

May 1945

"Friends of the New Church" purchased property at Oberlin Road and McDonald Lane.

June 1945

"New Church" directors elected.

February 1946

"White Memorial Presbyterian Church": name selected in honor of the Reverend William McClanahan White, D.D., pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh - 1908-1934.

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May 19, 1946

White Memorial Presbyterian Church organized by the Commission of Granville Presbytery; Dr. M. O. Sommers of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh based his *"Christian Church Characteristics"* sermon on Acts 2:42. *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

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June 1946

Building Committee organized.

August 11-September 8, 1946

The Reverend Charles Lynnwood Brown called by the WMPC congregation.

September 1946

Nell Hay became first WMPC church secretary. Women's Auxiliary organized.

October 1946

Sunday School organized by Supt. Karl Hudson Sr. and Asst. Supt. William "Billy" Horne; met at Hayes Barton (now Myrtle Underwood) School. First regular church service (10/6/46) at Colony Theatre; first communion service on 10/13/46.

November 1946

Men of the church organized.

December 1946

Rev. Brown installed by Dr. Ben Lacy Jr., president of Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Sommers of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, and Rev. E. J. Agsten of West Raleigh Church.

January 1947

First choir of 12 voices - Peggy Parker, choir director

June 1947

Two-room office building occupied.

October 1947

John Farmer Cole became organist and choir director.

February 1948

Benet Asbill became part-time religious educator.

April 1948

Rev. Brown married to Rowena Kirby-Smith Coleman on April 29, at Winnetka, Ill.

June 1948

First WMPC Daily Vacation Bible School

July 1948

Broke ground on the *"Church House"* wing (education building).

September 1948

First joint supper meeting of the women and men of WMPC.

October 1948

WMPC sponsored Boy Scout troop; Arthur Brown, Scoutmaster.

April 1949

Education building wing opened.

June 1949

Sam Smith, Union Seminary student, served as assistant pastor.

October 1949

Petitioned City Council to pave McDonald Lane.

June 1950

Kathryn Moore, director of Religious Education

July 1950

Permitted Raleigh Public Schools to use top floor of *"Church House"* until Oberlin Road school completed. Sell two room office building for *"best possible price."*

August 1950

Congregation approved building the sanctuary.

September 1950

Leon Fleming, choir director. First day school of two kindergarten classes of 41 students; Mrs. Thomas Lumpkin, director.

October 1950

Construction began on sanctuary.

March 1951

Completion of steel work on sanctuary.

July 1951

City requested WMPC park on one side of Dover Road.

December 1951

Karl G. Hudson Sr. donated tract of land fronting on St. Mary's Street, Colonial Road, and McDonald Lane.

January 1952

Decided not to sell two room office building, and moved it to rear of property.

February 10, 1952

Consecration of sanctuary; text: Psalm 96:6 - *"Strength and beauty are in his Sanctuary."*

June 1952

Growing church: set up four geographic zones for fellowship/communication.

September 1952

Growing church: two Sunday School sessions

October 1952

Presentation of William McClanahan White portrait by members of his family

November 1952

Harriet Hollar (Harriet Barker), interim director of Religious Education

December 1952

Purchased property on Wake Drive for manse.

March 1953

Start of pre-Easter Wednesday evening services

April 1953

WPTF radio broadcasted for three months.

May 1953

First funeral service in the sanctuary for a great Christian leader of WMPC - Karl G. Hudson Sr.; Emmett W. Fontaine, first director of church programs

June 1953

Nancy Barron, director of Religious Education

November 1953

Manse completed.

December 1953

First Christmas Eve Watch Service

February 1954

Weekly newsletter began.

May 1954

Rex Hospital student nurse graduation in the sanctuary

September 1954

Growing church: now eight geographic zones

November 1954

Growth milestone: 1,000 members

April 1955

The Foltas were the first WMPC supported missionaries. Robert Ramey of Union Seminary was assistant to the minister.

May 1955

WMPC contributed to the reconstruction of the sanctuary of our neighboring Oberlin Road Baptist Church. Building committee organized to complete the education complex.

January 1956

Joseph Farlow (deacon) to Union Seminary (came under care of Presbytery, October 1956.)

September 1956

Mrs. Grover Page, director of Christian Education

April 1957

Al Boehler, minister of Education

June 1957

Ken Parker, choir director

August 1957

Consecration of new wing of education building; first meeting of Session in new Session room

November 1957

Kitchen completed.

August 1958

Clyde Robinson Jr., assistant to the minister

October 1958

Joe Farlow became first WMPC missionary (assignment Formosa).

February 1959

William Byrd, director of Music

March 1959

Mrs. Thomas Chapman, temporary director of Christian Education.

September 1959

Vernon Hunter returned as assistant to the minister.

May 1960

Lynn Brown awarded honorary D.D. at Davidson. Clyde O. Robinson Jr. returns to staff as assistant minister.

December 1960

Circles gave party for children at Cary Street Mission. 1961 is the Centennial Year of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

May 1961

"Pipe Organ Study Group" formed; George P. Geoghegan Jr., chair.

July 1961

Fifteen year recognition for Lynn Brown. Lynn also assisted in the dedication of Camp Seafarer.

March 1961

Moderator of General Assembly appointed Lynn Brown to committee of 25 to study long range plans for the Presbyterian Church, USA.

January 1962

Purchased two pieces of property on McDonald Lane and one piece on Colonial Road.

February 1962

Mary Jean McFadyen, director of Christian Education

July 1962

Agreed to purchase Schantz pipe organ.

September 1962

John Farmer Cole, organist, honored for 15 years of service.

September 1963

John David Stewart, assistant minister. After 10 years of development and work, Covenant Life curriculum was available.

January 1964

Bad weather canceled circles and Women of the Church.

April 1964

Mary Neely King, part-time director of Christian Education

May 1964

Women collected green stamps to purchase station wagon for use in ministering to migrant workers. The Reverend James Polk Gammon Moffett called as WMPC's first associate pastor.

September 1964

Our magnificant Schantz pipe organ was dedicated.

October 1964

The first of many organ recitals presented by Robert King, organist-choirmaster of First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, NC. WMPC hosted the 40th anniversary of Granville Presbytery Women of the Church.

October 1965

Lynn Brown began one year sabbatical.

December 1965

Created Stewardship Committee.

January 1966

Christian Education Committee formed. Charles L. King of Houston, Texas, interim pastor for eight weeks. Lynn and Kirby Brown settled in Geneva, Switzerland.

March 1966

Congregation meeting called by Session at request of Lynn Brown to disolve his relationship with WMPC. Pulpit Committee elected at a second congregation meeting.

June 1966

Tim Kimrey, rising second year student at Union (N.Y.) Seminary, preached; Tim was the 3-year-old son of Donald Kimrey at whose home the initial meeting convened in March, 1945, to investigate the feasibility of forming a new church, now WMPC.

July 1966

The Reverend Howard Edwin "Ed" Pickard, Th.D. called as the second pastor in the life of WMPC.

September 1966

Ed Pickard preached first sermon: *"By This Will Men Know,"* text: John 13:34-35. Congregational Picnic at Camp Durant to meet Ed, Helen, and family.

October 1966

Ms. Malcolm Hunt, temporary organist. Coffee/Coke Fellowship started between church services.

December 1966

First church officers' training retreat

July 1967

Amplifying system installed in sanctuary.

September 1967

Catherine Miller, organist. A. Neal Smith, director of Sanctuary Choir; Gloria Perry, director of Children and Youth Choirs.

October 1967

Gladys Dillard, director of Christian Education

December 1967

Milestone: 2,002 members. James E. Dellinger, adult music director.

January, 1968

Sermons were printed for distribution.

June, 1968

Myrle Fisher retired after 15 years of service as director of the Weekday School. Aulene Henderson, new director.

July, 1968

Raleigh Urban Presbyterian Council formed by act of Granville Presbytery.

October, 1968

Women of the Church sponsored prayer meditation quiet time in the sanctuary.

January 1969

Radio broadcast began; very good except congregation singing very weak; suggested more of congregation should sit on the front pews!

September 1969

Ken Doxey, director of Christian Education

October 1969

Land purchased for Dover Road parking. Granville Presbytery met at WMPC.

February 1970

Four WMPC families anonymously donated pew bibles to match the red hymn books.

March 1970

"Spire of Faith," a one-half hour tape of WMPC Sunday sermon was broadcast by WRDU-TV.

June 1970

Mother's Day Out started for the summer months.

July 1970

WMPC's softball team ably coached by Henry Brown and Finley Boney, captured the trophy; newsletter note: *". . . players have been requested to have their T-shirts laundered and returned to the business administrator's office."*

August 1970

Dr. David Lynch named director of Sanctuary Choir and coordinator of the music program. Amelia Harper became director of Children and Youth Choirs.

October 1970

Purchased key piece of property on Dover Road adjacent to a previously purchased property; now have off-street parking for an additional 175 cars.

November 1970

Purchased a complete set of 49 Schulmerich Handbells as a memorial by the family of George H. Dunlap; Peggy Barksdale helped get the Handbell Choir started.

January 1971

T.V. broadcast *"Spire of Faith"* ends due to lack of funding; then it rises again through the generous contribution of a friend outside the congregation.

May 1971

The Celtic Cross graces our sanctuary in memory of Donald Shoaf Kimrey and Elzie Sharpe Connell from a gift by their families.

July 1971

Herbert Parkes named director of Music.

August 1971

Ground breaking of *"Capital Towers"*; this was a significant cooperative project of area Presbyterian churches.

September 1971

Halifax Court Childcare & Family Services Center opened.

October 1971

Twenty-fifth anniversary of first Colony Theatre services (1946).

January 1972

Granville and Orange Presbyteries consolidated into Orange Presbytery. Aulene Henderson, director of the Weekday School, elected state president for Childhood Education.

May 1972

Dottie Dubose named director of Christian Education, and Ken Doxey is appointed director of Administration.

September 1972

A one-half hour (8:45-9:15) family-oriented service starts. Seventy-Niner's organized.

November 1972

"Capital Towers" senior apartment complex completed.

February 1973

Men's breakfast kicked off on Tuesday mornings. Mini meals provided by Service Committee to shut-ins and to the ill. Sunday night youth suppers: $.35 plus $.10 for each additional item such as soft drinks and hamburgers!

April 1973

Granville Building and Davidson Chapel completed (dedicated Sept., 1973).

May 1973

Davidson Chapel used for Sunday informal worship services.

July 1973

Fifty-Bell Carillon given in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Wesley Kilgore by Elizabeth Kilgore Gibbs. WMPC won its church league softball championship and went to the state tournament.

September 1973

Outreach to bring Gov. Morehead School children to church school.

October 1973

Used Granville Building as polling place by Board of Elections.

November 1973

National fuel shortage emergency; cut back on electricity and other fuel use.

June 1974

Alexander (Alex) Beddingfield named business administrator. Catherine Miller, interim organist and choir director. Won softball championship for second year.

September 1974

William J. Weisser becomes director of Music and organist.

December 1974

First Christmas International House program hosting 15 students from 9 countries.

January 1975

Circle #14 starts to put a rose in the narthex for each new baby. Home & Family Committee offers Adult Growth and Parent Effectiveness (AGAPE) course.

April 1975

Yokefellow Prison Ministry began at WMPC. Over 40 young people raise their hearts and voices presenting *"Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."*

May 1975

Mothercraft Project in Zaire approved by congregation. The family of Graham Connell gave the hearing and sound system for use by those attending worship.

October 1975

Dr. Frank Laubach course offered - *"Each One Teach One."*

November 1975

Day for Keenagers - a person of retirement age whether or not retired (became the Keenagers group).

December 1975

WMPC hosted Raleigh Exchange Club's Christmas Party for crippled children. Christmas International House for 17 students from 11 countries. Scholarship fund created.

February 1976

(2/76) Colony Care Program replaces the Zone System to enrich our individual and congregational service to Christ. "Betwixt & Betweener" group formed for those between Seventy-Niner's and Keenagers.

March 1976

Joanna Baitinger is interim director of Music and organist. Property purchased at 2020 McDonald Lane.

April 1976

Dr. Brock W. Downward appointed director of Music and organist.

September 1976

Harriet Holler Barker receives the first Honorary Life Membership in Women of the Church.

February 1977

Energy Crisis! Thermostats cut back; wear warmer clothing than usual to Sunday School; *"If we come in sufficient numbers, we'll all find a very viable new energy source - nothing like a good crowd to heat up a room!"*

March 1977

Singles group, Divorced, Widowed, Separated (DWS) started.

August 1977

Began typing sermons.

September 1977

Greg Henly, Princeton Seminary student, is our first intern assistant; Berta Frickey Fore receives the Women of the Church Honorary Life Membership.

January 1978

WMPC sponsored Southeast Asian refugee family.

February 1978

The *"Spire of Faith"* T.V. broadcast ends.

May 1978

Ed Pickard awarded honorary D.D. by Davidson College. *"Beyond Ourselves"* campaign kicked off.

July 1978

Food Fair, a small farmers' produce market, was hosted weekly at WMPC's Dover Road parking lot.

September 1978

Linda Snodgrass and Bill Shillady, Duke Divinity students, take over as intern assistants. Nell Hay retires after 30+ years of faithful and dedicated service to WMPC. Began radio broadcast over WPTF.

December 1978

First Plum Pudding Feast presentation of *"Amahl and the Night Visitors."*

May 1979

Polk Moffett, associate astor, announced his plan to retire in 1980. Presbyterian Church US General Assembly met simultaneously in Kansas City with the United Presbyterian Church of the USA.

June 1979

One hundred and sixty-sixth annual meeting of the Synod of North Carolina convened at WMPC.

September 1979

"Children's Track Worship" at the 11:00 a.m. service for preschool children. Honorary Life Membership for Women of the Church bestowed on Grace Hartzog and Margaret Terry.

December 1979

New choir robes; WMPC members welcomed at the Governor's Mansion open house of affiliate members Gov. and Mrs. Hunt.

March 1980

Brock Downward elected to Pi Kappa Lambda National Honorary Society for Music.

May 1980

Polk Moffett retires; Polk's book of poems published with proceeds for WMPC Refugee Fund.

June 1980

Associate Pastor Harland Merriman, Barbara and Joshua, introduced at congregational picnic at Peace College. Little children belong to the church, too; children can now participate in communion before they reach the age of confirmation.

September 1980

Alternative worship at 8:30 a.m. in Davidson Chapel. Children's Adventures in Worship bulletin for 1st through 6th graders.

February 1981

Annual meeting convened as a *"mid-winter celebration Pig-Pickin'."*

March 1981

WMPC Outreach dedicates *"The Ark"* shelter of the Urban Ministry Center.

April 1981

Ann Thompson named director of the Weekday School.

June 1981

Summer feast church picnic at McLaurin's Farm.

July 1981

Dottie Ridenour appointed business administrator.

October 1981

Martha Stevenson chosen as director of Christian Education.

December 1981

"Under the Hill Gang" (in their 20s) fellowship formed.

February 1982

Anna Hattaway receives first annual *"Susan Kelly Fontes Memorial Award"* for outstanding volunteer services to children.

June 1982

WOC forms Flower Guild to prepare/arrange flowers for church services and other special occasions.

August 1982

McDonald Lane closed for *"old fashioned"* block party.

September 1982

TNT (Twenties and Thirties) fellowship formed.

April 1983

WMPC hosts statewide Presbyterian rally of UPC USA and PCUS to seek God's guidance for peace and reconciliation. *"Primer Timers"* fellowship organized.

June 1983

We are now a united church - Presbyterian Church (USA); Grace Hartzog is an elected commissioner of Orange Presbytery to the General Assembly at Atlanta.

August 1983

Gordon Ruff, retired missionary from Nepal, becomes WMPC's first parish associate.

January 1984

Begin radio broadcast over WCPE - FM. Webelo Scout unit created.

May 1984

Sanctuary Choir presents Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Va.

August 1984

Bill Gibson wins the First Annual WMPC Open Golf Tournament. Dottie Ridenour awarded certificate as Fellow in Presbyterian Church Business Administration.

November 1984

Congregation discusses church growth and approves a master plan for WMPC facilities.

January 1985

Kick off *"Toward A.D. 2000 Adventure in Faith"* campaign.

May 1985

Richard Vines becomes associate pastor in Outreach & Congregational Care. Betty Hubbard appointed director of the Weekday School. Martha Stevenson receives *"Margaret Walker Bowen Award"* for outstanding contributions to Christian Education.

July 1985

Youth Mission work trip to Oxbow, N.Y.

August 1985

Move back into a refurbished education building.

October 1985

Break ground for the *"Adventure in Faith's"* new building. Matthew Covington called as associate pastor in Outreach & Community Ministry. Participate in *"Loaves and Fishes"* program for children who struggle in first years of school.

February 1986

WMPC Outreach helps Broughton High's *"One on One"* program.

September 1986

Foot care ministry for homeless at the Ark night shelter begins.

January 1987

New building in use; dedicated at 40th anniversary celebration; new activity center named *"Pickard Hall."*

June 1987

Congregation calls Pete Carruthers as associate pastor of Congregational Care and Commitment.

July 1987

Sanctuary closed for repairs and marble floor installed; FIRE IN THE SANCTUARY! Quick action by members and the firemen of Firestation #6 held the damage to a minimum.

February 1988

"You hear things through the grapevine." Church staff debuts as *"California Raisins"* at the midwinter celebration and annual congregational meeting.

May 1988

Single Parent/Family Fellowship begins.

October 1988

Last meeting of Orange Presbytery at Hawfields Church where it was created 218 years before; New Hope Presbytery has initial meeting at New Bern.

November 1988

"Very first," First Wednesday Night Supper; pièce de résistance - pancakes!

December 1988

Session approves WMPC to enroll as a Stephen Ministry church.

January 1989

Ed Pickard elected first moderator of newly formed New Hope Presbytery.

February 1989

Jim Tubbs called as parish associate.

July 1989

New organ dedicated in Davidson Chapel.

November 1989

Gloria Johnson accepted as an applicant for enrollment by New Hope Presbytery as an inquirer for ordination. WMPC is host to meeting of New Hope Presbytery.

January 1990

First Stephen Ministers commissioned.

February 1990

Over 300 WMPC members donate more than 600 new hymnals.

March 1990

Purchased property at 1705 Oberlin Road.

August 1990

Bob Ames called as director of Youth.

December 1990

Session approved Long Range Planning's concept of a WMPC memorial garden.

April 1991

Earth Day - *"Caring for God's Creation"*

September 1991

First churchwide retreat at Montreat.

October 1991

Ed Pickard recognized for 25 years of WMPC service.

November 1991

Jim Tubbs becomes parish associate.

December 1991

There are now 4010 members.

April 1992

Hearing impaired "signing" for 9:30 a.m. service.

May 1992

Neighborhood Relations Committee holds first meeting.

September 1992

WMPC *"Gleaners"* glean sweet potatoes for Wake Relief Program. Session approved WMPC participation in PC (USA) Bicentennial Campaign. Reginald and Julia Allred Scholarship Fund to assist residents of Wake County attending Presbyterian undergraduate/graduate schools and seminaries.

October 1992

Ann Laird Jones becomes part-time parish associate.

November 1992

Adult mission trip to Villahermosa, Mexico. WMPC agrees to work with scout troops to offer God and Country award. Sign of the times - security system installed.

December 1992

Christmas Share project to honor friends/family through contributing of time and finances to community service agencies.

January 1993

Calvin's Kitchen fellowship group for all singles and their families. Step-Up acquires triplex through cooperative effort of Step-Up, Habitat, PUCR, CP&L, and numerous individuals.

February 1993

Ed Pickard takes *"early retirement"* after 26 1/2 years of WMPC leadership; named pastor emeritus.

March 1993

Jack Lancaster of Montreat becomes interim pastor for three months. Step-Up wins second place in the 1992 National Mustard Seed Awards. Faye Miller receives Jefferson Award - a national honor that recognizes outstanding public service - for the Footcare program.

May 1993

Jacob Gunnells receives bone marrow transplant; almost 600 WMPC members were voluntarily tested. Pete Carruthers earns Doctor of Ministry at Columbia Seminary.

June 1993

Roy Sherrod of Dallas becomes interim pastor. Youth fly to Northern Ireland on a mission trip.

July 1993

Gloria Johnson named interim associate supply for Outreach and Community Ministry. Glenaire, a Presbyterian continuous care retirement community, opens in Cary.

September 1993

Step-Up breaks ground on its duplex. **Bob Ames granted one month medical leave.**

October 1993

Women of the Church give new white paraments in honor of Ed Pickard.

January 1994

(1/94) New member *"New Beginnings"* orientation classes begin. Pete Carruthers is diagnosed with a serious illness. WMPC's Bicentennial goal set at $500,000. Approved WMPC assistance in building Villahermosa seminary.

February 1994

(2/94) Milestone: WMPC pays off Adventure in Faith Loan and *"burns the mortgage."*

March 1994

Bob Ames becomes director of Youth in Mission. Holly Albrecht named interim director of Youth Ministry.

April 1994

Church school grades 1 through 6 offering used to buy freezer for the Shepherds Table Soup Kitchen.

May 1994

Scout Troop 395 achieves first place honors in spring camporee. John McLeod becomes parish associate.

June 1994

Art Ross called to be WMPC's third pastor in a span of 48 years; he joined WMPC on 8/15/94 and preached his first WMPC sermon on 8/28/94.

July 1994

Northern Ireland youth group visit WMPC, and jointly complete an Appalachia Service Project.

November 1994

WMPC Mission Fair - colorful exhibits highlighting our mission programs. Polk Moffett honored at Presbytery of New Hope for 50 years of his life as an ordained minister of the word and sacrament. Martha Ministry organized. Angel Tree project of prison fellowship ministry initiated.

January 1995

Art Ross teaches a course on Basic Christian Doctrine.

February 1995

Murphy Smith named parish associate. (He is pastor emeritus of First Church, New Bern.)

April 1995

Cable video installed in Davidson Chapel for overflow services.

July 1995

Eddie Abernathy is appointed assistant director of Music. A grant from Art and Martha Durfee helps Step-Up to create the *"Step-Beyond"* program.

August 1995

Tom Watkins called as associate pastor-Youth.

September 1995

Bob Ames dies; he leaves all assets to WMPC to create a fund for youth ministry. Session authorizes all pastors, including parish associates, to administer communion to shut-ins, people in nursing homes, retirement homes, and similar facilities when requested.

October 1995

Hayes Barton Area Task Force recommends that each church in the neighborhood form a Neighborhood Relations/Communications Committee (similar to WMPC's committee of several years standing). Durk and Nancy Steed, missionaries to Thailand and WMPC members, included as missionaries supported by WMPC.

December 1995

The Gunnells family thanks WMPC for its help; Jacob's transplant went well, and he is a sixth grader at Daniels Middle School. Complete a Habitat House for Mary Lou Thomas and son Tyrell in time for Christmas. TRAIN (Triangle Aids Interfaith Network) in place; first team of caregivers trained and giving assistance.

January 1996

(1/96) 1996 budget has a major 29% increase over 1995 for benevolences; this achieves our goal of 30% of our budget for benevolences.

February 1996

As part of WMPC's 50th anniversary and in recognization of Dr. William McClanahan White, WMPC seeks to raise $50,000 over and above normal pledges and commitments for new church development work on the Davis Drive Fellowship in Cary. Brock Downward is recognized for 20 years of faithful service to WMPC and honored with a three-month sabbatical.

March 1996

Gloria Johnson called to the permanent position of director of Community Ministry. Library has received Bob Ames' collection to incorporate into the WMPC library. On March 5, a memorial service is held for Charles Lynnwood Brown, coinciding with a memorial service at the same time in Blowing Rock, N.C. Dr. J. Randolph Taylor leads the WMPC Lenten Retreat; Dr. Taylor was the first moderator of PC (USA) and former President of San Francisco Seminary.

April 1996

Announce start of WMPC's Fiftieth Anniversary Habitat for Humanity House. Pete Carruthers requests to be placed on medical leave.

May 1996 - Fiftieth Anniversary Month

May 5 - Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration; Rev. Dick Sommers, charter member, preaches; Pastor Emeritus Ed Pickard, charter member Rev. Pat Stewart, and Pastor Art Ross lead the services; 47 charter members join in worship; 1,300+ share in picnic and fellowship on the grounds. Praise be to God!

May 12 - Session approves construction of WMPC Memorial Garden.

May 29 - Marj Carpenter, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), concludes the celebration. The celebration closes . . . the services go on!

Appendix "E"

Fiftieth Anniversary Year

The Session

Class of 1996

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Paul P. Creech
Ann D. Hamrick
Stephen A. Haneline
Kathleen Kidd
Samuel W. McNairy
R. William Mullins
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Lib U. Parkin
C. Grey Poole
Lacy M. Presnell III
Thomas L. Robinson Jr.
C. Ronald Scheeler
Harriet F. Worley

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C. Francis Combs
John C. Crumpler
Richard T. Fountain III
Edward P. Garrett
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Stanley D. Martin
Rebecca (Becky) M. Olmsted
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Rhonda H. Patterson
Robert (Bob) H. Usry
Corky M. Whatley
Gwen C. Whiteman

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G. A. (Jeb) Jeutter Jr.
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Brian J. Kelleher
Virginia (Ginny) S. Leach
Nancy C. Lilly
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Harriet D. Nowell
Marjorie (Margie) A. Pipkin
Mark A. Springfield
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Harry A. White
Paula H. Williams

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Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team - 1995-1996

Marie Jones, moderator
Harriet McNairy, moderator elect
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Ann Hamrick, secretary
Linda Parker, treasurer
Judy Batchelder, historian
Lindsay Jordan, past moderator

Men's Breakfast Officers

Co-presidents: *C. Francis Combs*
W. McConnell Jones
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Church School Council

Jerianne and Lawrence Lackey, superintendents
Stephanie and Gerald Roach, associate superintendents

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Marcia Williams and Marlene Batchelor, crib room
Ann Boney and Rose Finley, toddler room
Carol Battle, twos
Lane Huggins, threes
Sally Nunnally, fours
Susan Sinden, fives
Paula Williams, grades 1-2
Mary Clayton, grades 3-4
Joy Unger, grade 5
Lee Smith, grade 6
Nancy Hutchison, grades 7-8
John Pace, senior highs
Jerry Worley, adults
Brenda Jones, special needs

White Memorial Staff (as of May 1996)

Arthur Ross III, pastor
Peter C. Carruthers, associate pastor for Congregational Care
Martha M. Stevenson, director of Christian Education
Gloria B. Johnson, director of Community Ministry
Thomas J. Watkins, associate pastor for Youth
Karen Rectanus, interim director of Youth Ministry
Lynn H. Springfield, director of Elementary Children's Ministry
Gwen C. Whiteman, director of Young Children's Ministry
Brock W. Downward, director of Music
J. Edward (Eddie) Abernathy, assistant director of Music
Dorothy B. Ridenour, church administrator
Donna B. Frazelle, director of Food Services
Betty C. Hubbard, director of Weekday School
Ann Laird Jones, parish associate
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Jennifer H. Goodman, publications assistant
Penny W. Fitzgerald, office assistant (printing)
Linda J. Love, Administration, Music, and Education secretary
Ginger W. Webb, Step-Up director

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Durk and Nancy Steed

Appendix "F"

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Karl Hudson Jr., chairman
Boots Beaman
Mac Boxley
Sally Garrett
Ben and Rachel Kilgore
Jake Koomen
Charles Latimer
Dottie Ridenour
Art Ross
Alice Terry

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
In Celebration of the
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING
OF THIS CONGREGATION

May 5, 1996 **8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

(8:15) - *Campanile* Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

(9:30 & 11:00) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Alleluia, Cantata 142

O God, Thou Faithful God

*PROCESSION - *Highland Cathedral* Korb

(The congregation will stand as the pipers enter the sanctuary.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Art Ross

*HYMN #138 - *Holy, Holy, Holy* Nicaea

*CALL TO CONFESSION Pat Stewart

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*DOXOLOGY

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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ANTHEM - *Psalm 150* Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

This anthem was commissioned for
the 50th Anniversary of White Memorial Presbyterian Church

GREETINGS AND PRAYERS Ed Pickard

PSALTER LESSON - Psalm 90

*APOSTLES' CREED

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anthem

(8:15) Robert J. Powell

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, Which temple are ye: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joy, the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia!

Sarum antiphon

(9:30 & 11:00) - *Praise to the Lord* Paul Manz (b. 1919)

(The Congregation, remaining seated, is requested
to join in the singing as indicated below.
Please rise during the brief interlude preceding stanza 5.)

Introduction (organ & trumpet)

(Choir and Congregation)

1) **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Join the full throng; Wake, harp, and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration.**

2) *Choir*

(Choir and Congregation)

3) **Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously made thee; Health hath vouchsafed, and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee. What need or grief Ever hath failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade thee.**

4) *Choir*

(Please rise - Choir and Congregation)

5) **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Joshua 24:1-15; John 15:12-17 Dick Sommers

GREETINGS AND SERMON - *Looking Forward With A Backward Glance*

*HYMN #442 - *The Church's One Foundation* Aurelia

*BENEDICTION & BLESSING FOR THE MEAL

*RECESSIONAL - *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now an found, Was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

(The congregation will recess, singing, following the choir and pipes.)

*All who are able may stand.

The 11:00 a.m. worship is broadcast over radio station WPTF, 680 A.M.

THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP, including the hymns, is adapted from the first service of worship held by the congregation of White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED on McDonald Lane, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and continuing until 2:00 p.m. Lunch is by reservation and ticket. However, a limited number of meals are available for those without reservations.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE TODAY ARE:

The *Reverend Dr. H. Edwin Pickard,* pastor emeritus of the congregation. Ed was the second pastor of White Memorial, serving from September of 1966 until March of 1993. Prior to coming to WMPC, he was the pastor of Sunset Hills Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C.; Orange Presbyterian Church in Orange, Va.; and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Beaumont, Texas. Currently he is the interim pastor at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. Ed also serves as trustee of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and of Davidson College. He is currently serving as North Carolina chair of the campaign for Union Seminary.

The *Reverend Dr. Arthur Ross III,* the pastor of the congregation. Art came to White Memorial in August of 1994, after serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.; First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, N.C.; and associate pastor of Riverside Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

The *Reverend Dr. Richard L. Sommers,* our preacher of the day, is also a charter member of White Memorial and the son of the Reverend Dr. M. O. Sommers of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh when White Memorial was chartered. Dick is currently the pastor of River Road Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Va. He has also served as pastor of Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N.C.; First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw, S.C.; First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, N.C.; and Highland Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, N.C.. Dick is married to Sara Martha Newton, also a charter member of WMPC.

The *Reverend Mrs. Patricia Stewart* (nee Pat Fredriksen), a charter member of this congregation. Pat is the daughter of Virginia Payne of WMPC and the niece of Graham Connell, an elder who chaired the first two building programs. Currently Pat is the interim sssociate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, N.C. She is a member of Salem Presbytery and serves as vice moderator and will be moderator next year.

THE MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING TODAY include: *Dr. Brock W. Downward* and *J. Edward Abernathy,* directors of Music; *Alan Menius, Van Zimmerman* - trumpet; *Jim Miller, Dwight Robinett,* trombone; *Steve Clements,* timpani; *Ruth Mock,* directing, and the *St. Andrews Presbyterian College Pipe Band,* with *Bill Caudill,* pipe major.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in memory of the *Reverend Dr. Charles Lynnwood Brown,* the first Pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

SPECIAL GUESTS IN THE SERVICE TODAY ARE: *Betty McGinnis,* Moderator of the Synod of Mid-Atlantic; *Carroll Jenkins,* Executive, Stated Clerk of Synod of Mid-Atlantic; *Ann Laird Jones,* Moderator of Presbytery of New Hope; *Barbara Campbell-Davis,* Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk of Presbytery of New Hope; *Micou Browne,* rep. of Raleigh First Presbyterian Church; *Marian and William Ross,* rep. of Raleigh First Presbyterian Church; *Olive Worth,* rep. of Raleigh First Presbyterian Church; *Garrett Briggs,* president of Peace College; *Kirby Brown,* wife of the Reverend Dr. Charles Lynnwood Brown, first pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church; *Warren Board,* president of St. Andrews College.

CHAIRPERSONS OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC:
Ben and Rachel Kilgore.

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
In Honor of the
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THIS CONGREGATION and
the visit of the MODERATOR OF THE
207th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA),
MARJ CARPENTER

May 29, 1996 **7:30 p.m.**

VOLUNTARY - *Tu Es Petra* — Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.
Matthew 16:18

Gaudeamus — Arnold Sherman (1995)
Adult Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Art Ross

*HYMN #430 - *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* — Darwall's 148th

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER — Tom Watkins

*ANTHEM - *Psalm 150* — Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)
This anthem was commissioned for
the 50th Anniversary of White Memorial Presbyterian Church

INTRODUCTION OF THE MODERATOR — Art Ross

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 28:16-20 — pew Bible, p. 34

SERMON - *Going To All The World* — Marj Carpenter

ANTHEM — Aaron Copland (1900-1992)

Come fathers and mothers, Come sisters and brothers, Come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion? We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion! Come fathers and mothers, Come sisters and brothers, Come join us in singing the praises of Zion! Revivalist text c. 1855

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH — Ann Laird Jones

*HYMN #442 - *The Church's One Foundation* — Aurelia

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY - Trumpet Tune — Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*All who are able may stand.

Please Join Us for a
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RECEPTION
IN HONOR OF THE MODERATOR
****
in Pickard Hall following the service of worship

GIFTS AND PLEDGES for the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUND for New Church Development at Davis Drive Presbyterian Fellowship now total $50,000. The fund is still open for those who wish to contribute. Envelopes are available in "The Closet" in the reception area of the Granville Building.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENING'S WORSHIP ARE: *Marj Carpenter,* Moderator of the 207th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA); *Ann Laird Jones,* parish associate of White Memorial Presbyterian Church and moderator of the Presbytery of New Hope; *Art Ross,* pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church; *Tom Watkins,* associate pastor-Youth at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Musicians: *Brock Downward,* director of Music at White Memorial Presbyterian Church; *Eddie Abernathy,* assistant director of Music at White Memorial Presbyterian Church; *Van Zimmerman,* trumpet; *Steve Clements,* timpani; and *Ruth Mock,* director.

USHERS: *Chuck Davis, Celia Poole.*